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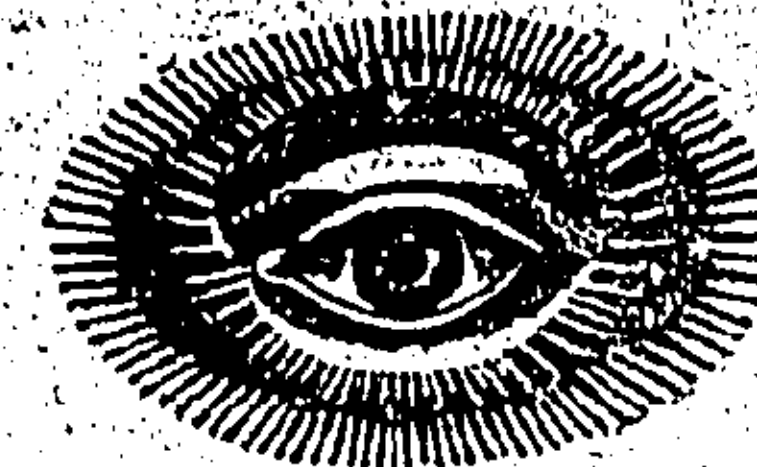
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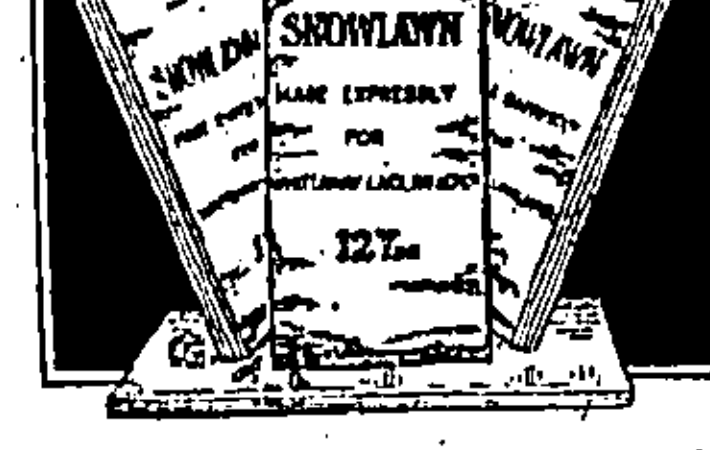
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## YANGTSE INCIDENT.

### Wuhu Mob Sets Fire To British Hulk.

### FIRING ACROSS RIVER.

### European Kuomintang Supports Chiang.

Further trouble is reported from the Yangtse where a Wuhu mob has set fire to the British hulk which figured in last Thursday's incident when a gang of coolies who tried to rush a river steamer were repulsed by bluejackets.

Other items in to-day's news concern the firing across the river, the support of the European committee of the Kuomintang for General Chiang Kai-shek, and the resignation of General Tang Seng-chi as associate commander-in-chief of the Hankow forces.

### RED OR PINK?

General Tang and the Hankow Clique.

Hankow, April 24.

The reason for the action of General Tang Seng-chi in tendering his resignation to the Southern Government, is due to the failure of his attempt to obtain a vote of confidence.

In an attempt to strengthen their hands, the Communist party has caused to be absorbed into the Army here many local Labour Unions.

The situation otherwise remains the same—British Naval Wireless.

[General Tang Seng-chi commands the 8th Nationalist Army. He has the biggest army at Hankow and the two Hu provinces. The Hankow clique appointed the Christian general as commander-in-chief of the Communist Army with General Tang Seng-chi as associate commander-in-chief. Speculation has always been rife as to whether this man is a Communist or a Moderate. He is described as very conservative and unfavourable to Communism, but he may have been tempted by the possibility of succeeding General Chiang Kai-shek.]

### Hulk Burnt Out.

Wuhu, April 24. There was a sequel to-day to the incident of Thursday when a gang of coolies who endeavoured to rush a river steamer which went alongside Butterfield and Swire's hulk were repulsed by a British guard.

The hulk in question has been used as a depot to safeguard and facilitate the work of consignees. To-day, the hulk was set on fire and burnt out.

The premises of the International Export Company, which have been subject to periodical looting by the mob have now been occupied by Chinese troops and the looting has stopped.

### Firing Across River.

Chinkiang, April 24. The guns of the Southerners on Hsia-san-shan Bluff opened fire on the Northerners on the North bank of the river yesterday. Their fire has not so far been returned.

The Southerners have mounted guns on Gold Island. — British Naval Wireless.

### Shanghai Quiet.

Shanghai, April 24. The situation here is generally normal.

Reports from the Yangtse indicate that general activity in force on the Yangtse is steadily increasing.—British Naval Wireless.

[The Nationalists hold the south bank of the Yangtse and the River is closed to Northern naval forces. The Northern Allies hold the north bank and the indication of these reports is that the Northerners are unlikely to make a bid for the south bank.]

### PRAISE FOR CHIANG.

Kuomintang European Committee's Statement.

Paris, April 24.

A statement by the European committee of the Kuomintang, which appears in several newspapers, emphasises the determination of the Party leaders to comb out the Communists.

The statement warmly praises General Chiang Kai-shek, making it clear that while breaking with Moscow, Chiang intends to fight Marshal Chang Tso-lin.—Reuter.

### AMERICAN SAFETY.

British Ship Chartered as Refuge.

Hankow, April 9.

The American Consul-General has to-day arranged for chartering the str. "Kiangwo", a British merchant vessel, in order that the American community here may be away from shore at night. The situation here is dangerous and uncertain and the Consul-General has taken this action upon the strong representations made by Rear-Admiral Henry H. Hough, in command of the Yangtse Patrol Force, that it was urgent and necessary. With this the entire American community is in agreement.

All Hankow Americans went aboard the ship to-night, taking their personal baggage with them. They will sleep on board for at least ten nights, the minimum period for which the ship has been chartered, taking care of their business ashore during the day as usual.

It is impossible to foretell when the next mob riot will be brought about, or when the Nationalist troops here will endeavour to repeat the atrocities against foreigners which they committed at Nanking on March 24. At present the activities of American business men here are directed toward salvaging what they can from their disrupted concerns, in an endeavour to make their losses as small as they can by the time expected orders to evacuate may be given.

### British Residents Too.

Hankow, April 10.

The British community of Hankow to-day received instructions that before to-morrow evening they are all to be aboard one of the British merchant ships lying off the former British Concession.

Buildings on the waterfront which have until now been recognised by the British Navy as suitable dwellings and covered by the Navy in case of need for evacuation have now been declared out of bounds. All must be aboard ship. Those disobeying this order will be given no protection in case of trouble.

### JAPANESE RESIDENTS.

Ask Government To Use Firm Policy.

"Toho News Agency" reports that a message from Hankow received Monday afternoon states that the Japanese residents at Hankow unanimously passed the following resolution regarding the recent Hankow riot:—

"The Japanese residents at Hankow are now reduced to a most miserable condition. As the result of the attacks made by the Chinese mobs on the Japanese Concession on April 3, the Japanese influence and foundation which was built up by our thirty long years' hard toil and labour was ruthlessly destroyed by the Chinese mobs in a day.

"We warn both the Government and people at home not to be misled by groundless and fabricated reports on China and not to be fascinated by the pro-Japanese propaganda of the National Government.

"The Government, seeing through the real state of the organisation and system of the Nationalist Government, should abandon its present China policy and establish, with firm resolution, a positive policy in order to deal promptly with China.

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### Ship's Fireman's Illicit Opium.

### QUESTION OF "CHIVALRY."

Mr. R. E. Lindsell had before him this morning a Chinese woman charged with the unlawful possession of 259 taels of non-Government opium, No. 432 Queen's Road West, last door.

Mr. D. McCallum for the defence, said that the position was a little difficult. Accused was a Northern Chinese and had not been here very long. The opium was given to her to keep by a man who was her husband's friend. This man was willing to come forward and claim the opium which he had left with the woman because he was changing ship.

Magistrate: He is willing to stand the racket?—

Quite. This woman is his friend's wife and he does not like to see her suffer for any misdemeanour on his part.

When the man was brought into

### ROUT OF REDS.

### A Pitched Battle Near Shekki.

A pitched battle was fought in the neighbourhood of Shekki (capital of Hungehan district) early on Saturday morning, in which the local Communist elements were routed by the Moderate authorities.

Disturbances reached such a pitch that a number of people left by junk off Hong Kong, Macao and other ports where refugees also arrived on Sunday.

Some of the Labour Unions at Shekki are alleged to be at the bottom of the plot but the local Peasants' Corps was in the thick of the fight. The Village Volunteers assisted the loyalists.

Relations in the Hungehan district have been strained since Good Friday when Canton but not Shekki sent troops to the arrival of small reinforcements from Canton. It is thought, however, that the trouble at Shekki was not connected with the abortive rising at Canton on Friday last.

In several parts of Kwangtung province, the Communist cause is still firmly entrenched, if not in Canton.

At Kongmoon, the Peasants' Corps and Leftist Unions are in fairly strong position but there has been no trouble.

During the week-end, shipping services between Hong Kong and Canton were resumed, following the "settlement" of the attempted seamen's strike in Canton.

Court Mr. McCallum described him as a fireman on board the s.s. "On Tung."

Questioned by the Magistrate, the man admitted he had brought the opium from Macao.

Mr. Lindsell directed that the man be charged and brought back in Court.

Later the fireman appeared in the dock and admitted that the opium was under his control. He said a man in Amoy paid him 20 cents per tael to bring the drug here. He merely left it for a time in the woman's house.

When you were going to take the stuff to—I was going to transfer it to another ship to be taken to Singapore.

Mr. McCallum said the Magistrate knew from long experience in such cases that the woman was made to pay the penalty. He submitted that accused had been very chivalrous in coming forward and making a straightforward statement. He suggested the Magistrate should count that in the accused's favour.

Mr. Lindsell: The woman's husband probably had something to do with this man's action in coming forward. Chivalry may not have anything to do with it at all.

The fireman was fined \$25,000 or 12 months' jail and the woman was mulcted in the sum of \$50.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

N.E. winds, moderate and cloudy, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

Anticyclones are central near Shanghai and Vladivostok.

Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 3/18.

## MR. CHEN'S NOTE.

### Full Text of Reply to Britain.

### DANGER TO FOREIGN LIVES.

"The Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government is in receipt of H. B. M. Government's Note, dated April 11, 1927, formulating terms for the prompt settlement of the situation caused by the outrages against British nationals committed by the Nationalist troops at Nanking on March 24 last."

"In reply to the demand for 'Complete reparation for the personal injuries and material damage done,' the Nationalist Government are prepared to make good all damage done to the British Consulate at Nanking on the ground that, whether or not such damage was caused by Northern rebels and others as stated in the preliminary statements issued by the Nationalist Government on March 31 last, the fact remains that a British Consulate on Chinese territory has been violated."

As regards reparation for personal injuries to British Nationals and other material damage done, the Nationalist Government are prepared to make all reasonable necessary reparation except in cases where it can be definitely proved that the same have been caused by the British-American bombardment of Nanking on March 24 or by Northern rebels and agents provocateurs.

The demand for "adequate punishment for the murderers, the personal injuries and indignities and material damage done as also of all persons found to be implicated" necessarily assumes the guilt of the Nationalist Forces who captured Nanking. While this guilt is contradicted in the preliminary statement issued on March 31, a rigid Government enquiry is being conducted in order to ascertain the exact facts of the case, including verification of the outstanding facts reported to the Military Council by General Cheng Chien who took Nanking, that his forces rounded up and captured approximately 30,000 Northern soldiers with rifles, besides thousands of camp followers, inside the city of Nanking itself. General Cheng Chien has also reported that a number of those implicated have been executed. The Nationalist Government propose that the question of punishment should await the findings of either the Government enquiry now in progress or by an International Commission of enquiry to be immediately instituted by the Nationalist Government and H.B.M. Government.

### International Enquiry.

As the laws of Nations and the settled practice of civilised states prohibit the massacre of the citizens of a friendly state, the more so when such citizens are in their own territory, and also prohibit the bombardment of the cities of a friendly state, the Nationalist Government propose that the said International Commission of Enquiry shall investigate the circumstances of the bombardment of the unfortified city of Nanking on March 24 last by the Naval forces of H. B. M. Government as well as the other outrages committed successively by British controlled armed forces at Shanghai on May 30, 1925, by British armed Marines and Volunteers of the Shanghai on June 23, 1925, and by British Naval forces at Wansien last year. The demands for an apology in writing by the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist army including an express written undertaking to refrain from all forms of violence and agitation against foreign lives and property, is, so far as an apology is concerned, justified only on the proof of Nationalist guilt for the disturbances at Nanking.

### Question of Apology.

The Nationalist Government, therefore, propose that question of an apology should also await the determination of the question of guilt either by the Government Enquiry now in progress or by the proposed International Commission of Enquiry. In the meantime, the Nationalist Government hereby repeat the expression of profound regret which the Minister for Foreign Affairs communicated to the British representative at Wu-Han directly it was reported to him that the British Consulate at Nanking had been attacked. The Nationalist Government, as a responsible governing body, naturally cannot countenance the use in any satisfactory settlement of issues between foreign lives and property, and differences pending between Nationalist China and Great Britain on terms which, while assuring the legitimate interests of the latter, shall modernize international intercourse between the two countries and define and work out their mutual interests and relations on the basis of equality and reciprocal understanding in the sense of

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### Capture of a Supposed Burglar.

### SURPRISED ON PREMISES.

A burglar broke into the office of Messrs. Wallamull Bulchand, Importers and Exporters of No. 18, On Lan Street early this morning. A watchman made the discovery at 6 a.m., when he found a near window on the ground floor had been broken. The manager of the firm, who resided above, was awakened by the watchman's cries, and when he came downstairs found that two safes had been forced open and \$280 in money stolen.

While the manager and watchman were collecting papers strewn about the floor their attention was attracted by a movement under a table. They investigated and a Chinese was pulled out. In his pocket was found the missing money. The intruder was handed over to the police.

### JAPAN'S CRISIS.

### TOKYO BANK'S MUTUAL HELP.

### COLONIES IN MORATORIUM.

Tokyo, April 25.

The Cabinet has decided to extend the Moratorium to all colonies except Formosa.

The member banks of the Tokyo Clearing House have issued a statement that they have agreed to co-operate in every way possible in rendering mutual assistance.

The Bank of Japan has stated that it intends to extend help to all banks, including those which had no transactions with the Bank of Japan.—Reuter.

Effect in Formosa.

Tokyo, April 25. The uneasiness due to the suspension of the Bank of Taiwan synonymous with the Bank of Formosa has resulted in a general strike of the Formosa employees demanding better treatment, all factories in Formosa being closed.

The Government has decided to suspend further shipments of specie to America.

In spite of the moratorium the Yokohama Specie and other exchange Banks will continue transactions in cheques and drafts, whilst life insurance companies have mutually agreed to pay out whatever is due during the moratorium.—Reuter.

### BORODIN SEEKS SAFETY.

Hankow, April 17.

M. Borodin and Teng Yen-ta (head of the Political Bureau) have moved from the native city to the International Hospital in the French Concession, ostensibly for a rest cure but really for safety. The International Hospital, which is conducted by French Catholic sisters and which may be said to be internationally protected, is the safest place here at the moment.

but to see that effective measures are taken to afford proper protection to foreign lives and property. Unequal Treaties.

The Nationalist Government, however, would be lacking in candour if they should fail to declare and emphasize that the best guarantee for the effective protection of British and other foreign lives and property in China lies in the removal of the fundamental cause of the present trouble between Nationalist China and the Powers who continue to sustain the regime of the Unequal Treaties. It is these inequitable treaties that constitute the chief danger to foreign lives and property in China, and this danger will persist as long as effective government is rendered difficult by foreign insistence on conditions which are at once humiliating and a menace to a nation that has known greatness and is to-day conscious of renewed strength. The Nationalist Government, accordingly, are prepared and ready to appoint delegates to negotiate with the representatives of H. B. M. Government a satisfactory settlement of issues and differences pending between Nationalist China and Great Britain on terms which, while assuring the legitimate interests of the latter, shall modernize international intercourse between the two countries and define and work out their mutual interests and relations on the basis of equality and reciprocal understanding in the sense of

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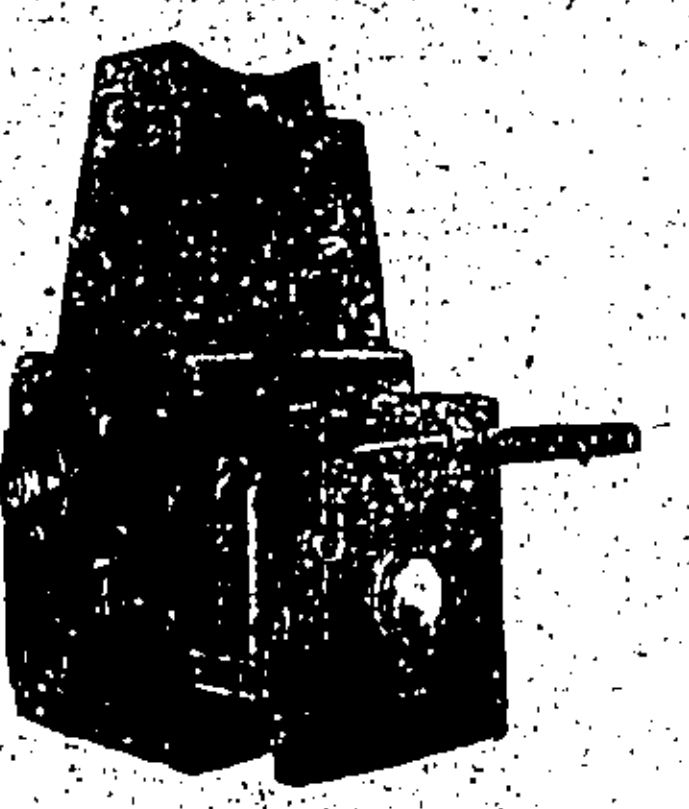
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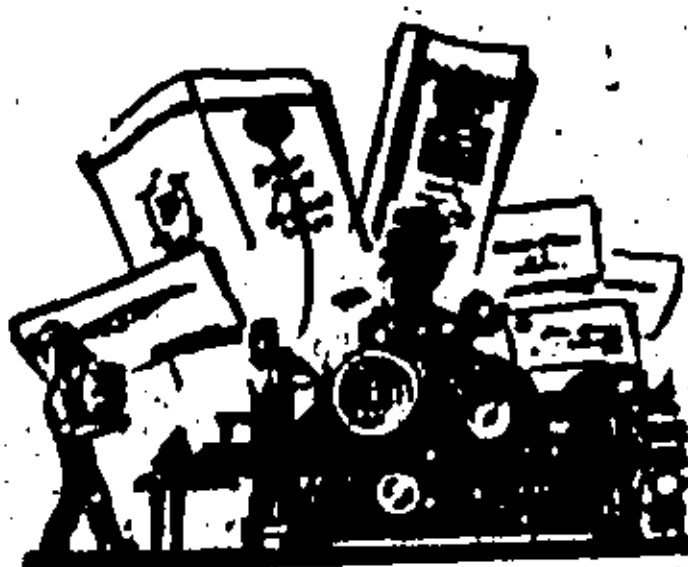
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Hong Kong, 25th April, 1927.

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### SEVERE FLOODS.

#### PLANES SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS.

Washington, April 24. Government aeroplanes are hovering over the flooded sections of the Mississippi seeking people who are marooned on the roofs of buildings.

Hundreds of negroes are reported to have been seen on the tops of houses and trees scantily clad and having evidently been without food for many days.

President Coolidge has requested Army engineers to proceed to the area to establish a relief organization.—Reuter's American Service.

#### The Turning Point.

Washington, April 23. Declaring Mississippi floods to be among the worst in the history of the country, President Coolidge has appealed for subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers.

The President refers to the efforts of the War Department and other Government agencies, but expresses the opinion that the burden of caring for the homeless rests with the American Red Cross.

Advices from various points along the river show that the suffering has greatly increased during the past few days by the unseasonable cold, accompanied by heavy snowstorms in some places where fruit trees had begun to bloom. The sunshine, however, reappeared, and it is hoped that the turning-point has been reached.

The conference, appointed by President Coolidge, consisting of Red Cross Society delegates and members of the Cabinet, has decided to attempt to raise five million dollars.—Reuter's American Service.

#### NEW GOVERNORS.

Rugby, April 23.

The King has approved the appointment of Sir Charles Innes as Governor of Burma, in succession to Sir Harcourt Butler, and of Sir Alexander Muddiman as Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh in succession to Sir William Marris.—British Wireless Service.

Sir Harcourt Butler has been Governor of Burma since 1923. He graduated in the Indian service, and his successor, Sir Charles Innes has similarly served in many capacities in India.

Sir William Marris has been Governor of the United Provinces since 1922. His successor, Sir Alexander Muddiman, has been Home Member of the Executive Council of the Governor General and Leader of the Assembly since 1924.

### A NEW BASE.

#### LIQUOR SMUGGLERS' LATEST MOVE.

Wellington, N. Z., April 24. News from Papeete suggests that Tahiti is likely to become a new base for the shipment of liquor to America.

It is stated that a steamer bound to Australia recently called at Papeete and landed into bond 31,000 cases of assorted liquors, mostly whisky. Then a Canadian steamer loaded 10,000 cases, presumably for Vancouver.—Reuter.

#### "GOODWILL" FLIGHT ENDS.

Miami, April 24.

The Chief of the Army Air Service ascended in an aeroplane to meet the four aeroplanes which participated in the "goodwill" expedition to Latin America, returning at the conclusion of their eighteen thousand mile flight to Central and South America, wherein two airmen were killed at Palomar, on February 27.—Reuter's American Service.

#### FATAL DETROIT BLAZE.

Detroit, April 24.

At least 20 are believed to have been killed and 50 injured as the result of a fire at Briggs Manufacturing Company Building, after an explosion in a paint shop.—Reuter's American Service.



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### TIME TO CONSIDER.

#### DISARMAMENT CONVENTION DELAY.

Geneva, April 24.

In view of the fundamental divergences between the large majority of the preparatory committee for disarmament and the Italian and United States delegations with regard to the question of the application and supervision of the proposed disarmament convention, it has been decided to postpone the second reading until about the end of the year for further consideration.—Reuter.

#### Naval Conference.

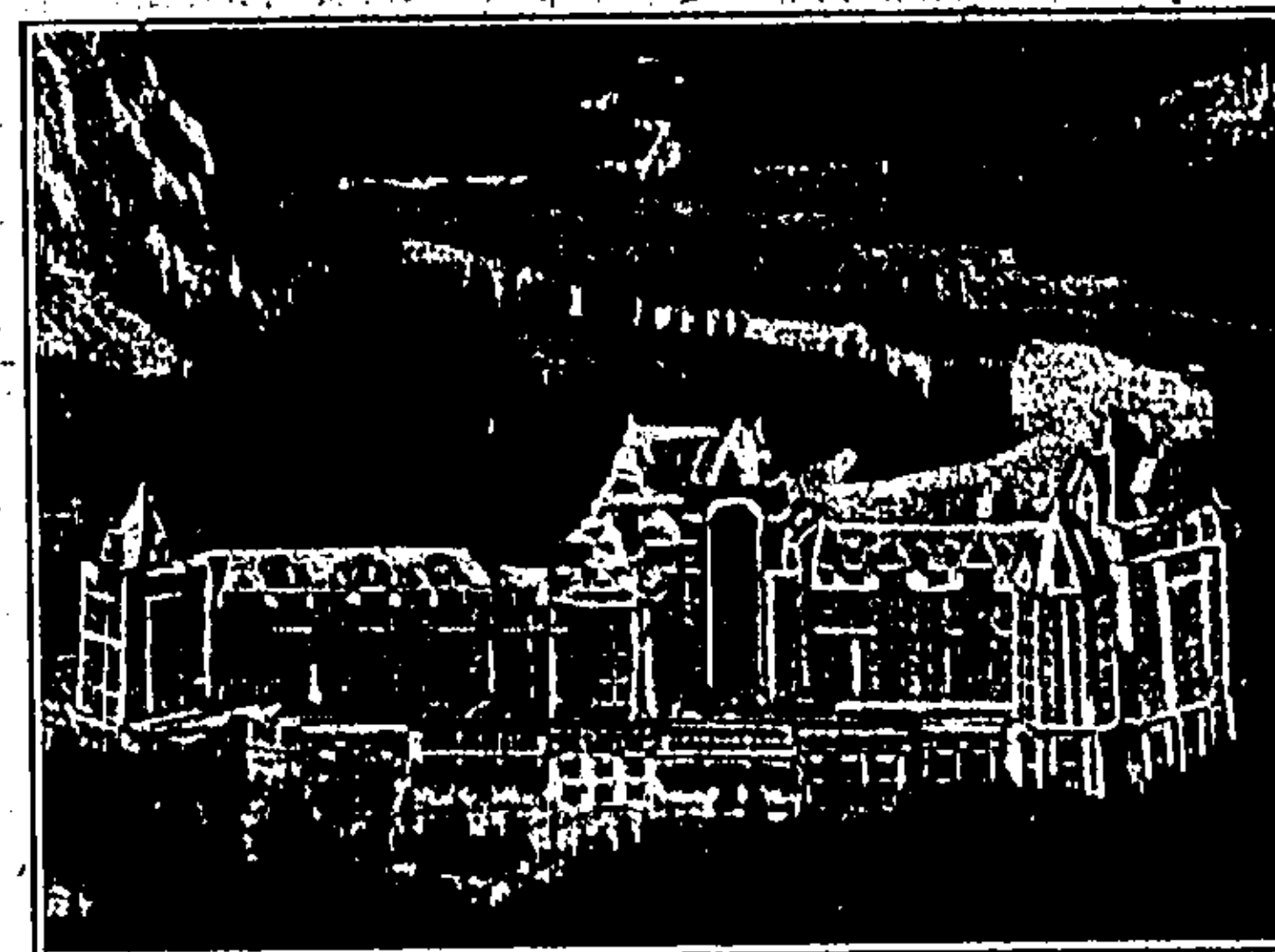
Washington, April 23.

Mr. Hugh Gibson heads the American delegation to the tripartite Naval Disarmament Conference at Geneva.—Reuter's American Service.

#### EGYPTIAN CABINET.

Cairo, April 24.

Sarwat, Pasha, who was foreign Minister in Adly Pasha's Cabinet, has agreed to form a ministry.—Reuter.



The construction of a new fireproof wing on the Banff Springs Hotel, Banff, Alta., which will be completed in May, is at present being carried on by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company under a temporary enclosure, which is heated so that it is never necessary to suspend building operations even in severe winter weather.

The erection of this new north wing, to replace the old one destroyed by fire last spring, is one of the two operations that will be carried on during the next year or so. The cost of this one operation will be approximately one and a half million dollars. The construction of a duplicate wing on the south side of the main central tower will be commenced immediately at the close of next summer's season.

The above picture shows the Banff Springs Hotel as it will look when it is completed a year from next May. The entire main wing will be taken up in public rooms, and there will be approximately 210 bedrooms. The central tower and the new north wing will be opened for business on June 1.

### PENSIONS.

#### BRITAIN'S HEAVY WAR BURDEN.

Rugby, April 23.

In a statement regarding the help given to war sufferers, Major Tregor, Minister of Pensions, yesterday said that the compensation paid by the United Kingdom to disabled officers and men and other sufferers of the Great War represented an average contribution from every man, woman and child in Britain of about thirty shillings a head, which was actually one half as much again as the corresponding contribution made by the inhabitants of France, Germany or the United States.

Since the Armistice, the Pensions Ministry had spent no less than £98,000,000 in weekly allowances for the maintenance of orphans and pensioners' children, and even now, nearly nine years after the Armistice, more than £3,000,000 a year was thus expended.—British Wireless Service.

#### FIGHTING IN TRIPOLI.

Rome, April 23.

An Italian set-back in Tripoli is chronicled in official advices from Tripoli, which state that a column of Libyan troops, commanded by Colonel Bassi, was compelled to retire from Port Eldib, after a long fight against superior numbers of rebels from the Raheiba Valley, in Gerdesabid, on March 28.

The Governor immediately took steps to cope with the situation.

In the mountainous districts the general military situation is satisfactory and the native population is quiet.

Strikes are desperately far-reaching in their effects; our own recent seven months' coal strike has, for example, caused a loss to Tasmania of £300,000 in the apple trade with Britain.—Sir Evelyn Cecil, M.P.

### BLACKMAIL.

#### A SUM OF £10,895 SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

London, April 6.

A blackmail charge involving £10,895 alleged to have been obtained from an elderly retired army officer in the course of about three years, is being heard at Bow Street.

Sir Charles Biron, the Chief Magistrate, agreed that the prosecutor's name should not be disclosed, and that he be referred to as "The Captain."

Six accused were stated to be concerned, but only four were brought up.

The prosecution stated that the Captain lived in the South of England, and came to London in November, 1923.

He visited the Palace Theatre, and got into conversation with Norman Stuart, aged 26, who posed as an art dealer.

Both, as arranged, met again a fortnight later in a room in the West-End. Stuart told him that it was his brother's room.

They had been there for ten minutes when J. Stuart and Richards, who are not in custody, and who were alleged to have received £6,163 and £545, respectively, entered.

The former asked what he was doing with his brother and threatened to call the police.

The Captain protested that nothing had occurred between them, but handed over a cheque for £50, as demanded.

Subsequently, the Captain, on various representations, had handed over the total mentioned in the charge-sheet.

Once one of the accused called on him on board his yacht at Cowes and obtained money. Last year he had another call, while the yacht was at Amsterdam, from another accused, who posed as a Scotland Yard detective. The Captain handed him £1,400.

I arrived in London without the traditional half-crown; in fact, I had nothing in my pocket but a clockwork mouse—and that had been trodden on—Jerome (K. Jerome).



An entirely new and unique test will soon be made at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, by Arthur Beauvais, driver of the Frontenac dog team. He has three wolves which he has reared from babyhood. These have been kept in a kennel in the same building with his huskies. They are shy little things and appear as alone among the dogs. They are not as playful as pups, and to overcome their shyness, Beauvais often puts three little huskie pups in for playmates when they forget themselves and seem less homesick for their parents and the great cut-dogs.

These little creatures are now only eight months old, yet in this short time have learned much of morals, and they have already had one trip to Boston where they were exhibited by the Canadian Pacific Railway at the Sportsman's Show.

One morning a brand new sporty looking collar was placed on one, and the dignity this wild animal suddenly acquired was amazing. It was like a child with new shoes. It then the other and sat down in a sedate manner, all four feet together and held its head high haughtily and said with its eyes "now look at me."

Do, with Beauvais, understand? Yes, indeed, that wild beast was as self-conscious as any human decked out in a new regalia.

Shortly after the return of the wolves from Boston, one of the little

creatures sprained its shoulder. When Beauvais entered the building and went up to the kennel or compartment allotted them, which has wire netting around, the poor little thing came up to him for sympathy. It was duly rubbed with lotions and cared for, not in the least resenting anything which was done for it.

A cute little "fishy," French-Canadian in design, has been built for it and the picture shows little Master Beauvais all ready for his first ride as soon as the wolf is harnessed. It is now three months since this wild animal has been tame enough for this little child to play with, and one wonders if the old saying "A little child shall lead them" can be applied in this instance. It can, however, be stated that when this picture was taken the wolf had to be literally pulled out of the street back to its kennel. It was interested in the people around, the dogs, the taxis and sleighs which passed as he posed for one of his many pictures taken lately.

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## PIRACY REPORT.

REGULATIONS "NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY."

"SUNNING" LESSONS.

The report of the "Sunning" Piracy Commission has been issued. Whilst commenting favourably on the resourcefulness and daring action of the officers in re-taking possession of the ship, the report states that the impression was created in the evidence heard that the Piracy Prevention Regulations were not taken very seriously among the officers and that there was a false sense of security on board with a lack of piracy precautions.

The necessity for "a scheme of defence" being prepared for emergencies such as that with which the officers of the "Sunning" were faced is emphasised. Piracy Prevention regulations provide for this but the Commission is of opinion that many ships do not prepare such plan of defence.

Rescind Regulations? "The dislike of the whole Piracy Prevention Regulations as a Government measure" by owners and officers alike and the unpopularity in particular of the present system of guards who are responsible to shore authorities and not to the ship's officers, is also the subject of reference. The Commission recommends the rescission of the present Regulations and outlines a scheme of co-operation with officers and owners.

The Commission identifies itself with a memorandum of Lieut. Commander Pitcairn Jones, D.S.C., R.N., regarding the Minority Report (of January 1925) in which the writer states that the Minority Report appears to base its contentions on the erroneous assumption that the duty of defending a merchant ship against attack lay primarily with the Royal Navy; in the second place with the Government; and in the third place—(this, Lieut. Commander Pitcairn Jones states, was only touched upon once in the whole of the Minority report and was at once dismissed as being impracticable)—with the master and officers of the ships.

On the contrary, it is pointed out, the defence of any individual merchant ship against piracy must rest primarily with that ship's officers.

## Naval Patrols.

The impracticability of patrolling the whole 1438 miles from here to Singapore and the 1395 miles from here to Taku" is referred to. With regard to a system of patrols at Bias Bay or other known pirate haunts, the danger in which the lives of officers and passengers on pirated boats would be placed by the approach of such patrols (in view of threats of murder on any such approach) is referred to by Lieut. Commander Pitcairn Jones.

The members of the Commission identify themselves with this memorandum and hold the view that patrols by the Navy over the whole of the danger zone are impossible to an extent justifying any reduction of the internal precautions on board ships, which they merely complement, but consider it necessary to press for the extension of assistance from the Navy, which already guards the rivers, in the direction of establishing patrols off the seaward approaches to known pirate strongholds; in the last resort, failing the co-operation of the Chinese authorities of destroying those strongholds by independent action.

## Co-operation Needed.

The main conclusion to which the Commission has been driven is that the conditions demand precautions and an organisation to resist pirates on board every vessel exposed to the risk of piracy; but that no system is worth the cost of installation or the trouble of organising, unless it is backed by a determination to resist on the part of owners and officers alike, who must necessarily co-operate to this end. The Government hand in the organisation on board is openly unpopular, and, in lacking the essential co-operation of owners and officers, even constitutes an obstacle to the institution and development of voluntary action.

The Piracy Prevention Regulations and thirteen years experience have given a valuable lead; and the Commission is unanimously of opinion that the responsibility for internal precautions and organisation should now be thrown back upon the owners, who, by seeking the co-operation of their officers and considering their views, will at least be able to ensure that confidence in the arrangements which is essential. Where the proper spirit exists, the Commissioners are convinced that arrangements can be made which will go far towards eliminating the risk of piracy, while if that spirit is lacking Government regulations will avail but little. This conclusion is no royal road to the elimination of piracy, but the Commissioners are satisfied that it goes to the heart of the matter, and that it must form the foundation of any attempt of whatever kind to mitigate the evils of piratical attacks.

## The Government's Part.

It is by no means intended however that the Government should do nothing. It is the Government's part to press for all possible patrolling, and independent action if called for, by the Navy on the river and around spots such as Bias Bay, to encourage the installation of wireless, to consider the desirability of making it compulsory and to facilitate its employment by such methods as the reduction to a minimum of transmission charges, to continue to make the Colony an unhealthy centre for pirates by search and detective operations afloat and ashore, and in addition to afford all such advice and assistance towards the making of satisfactory arrangements on board, as it may be possible to provide.

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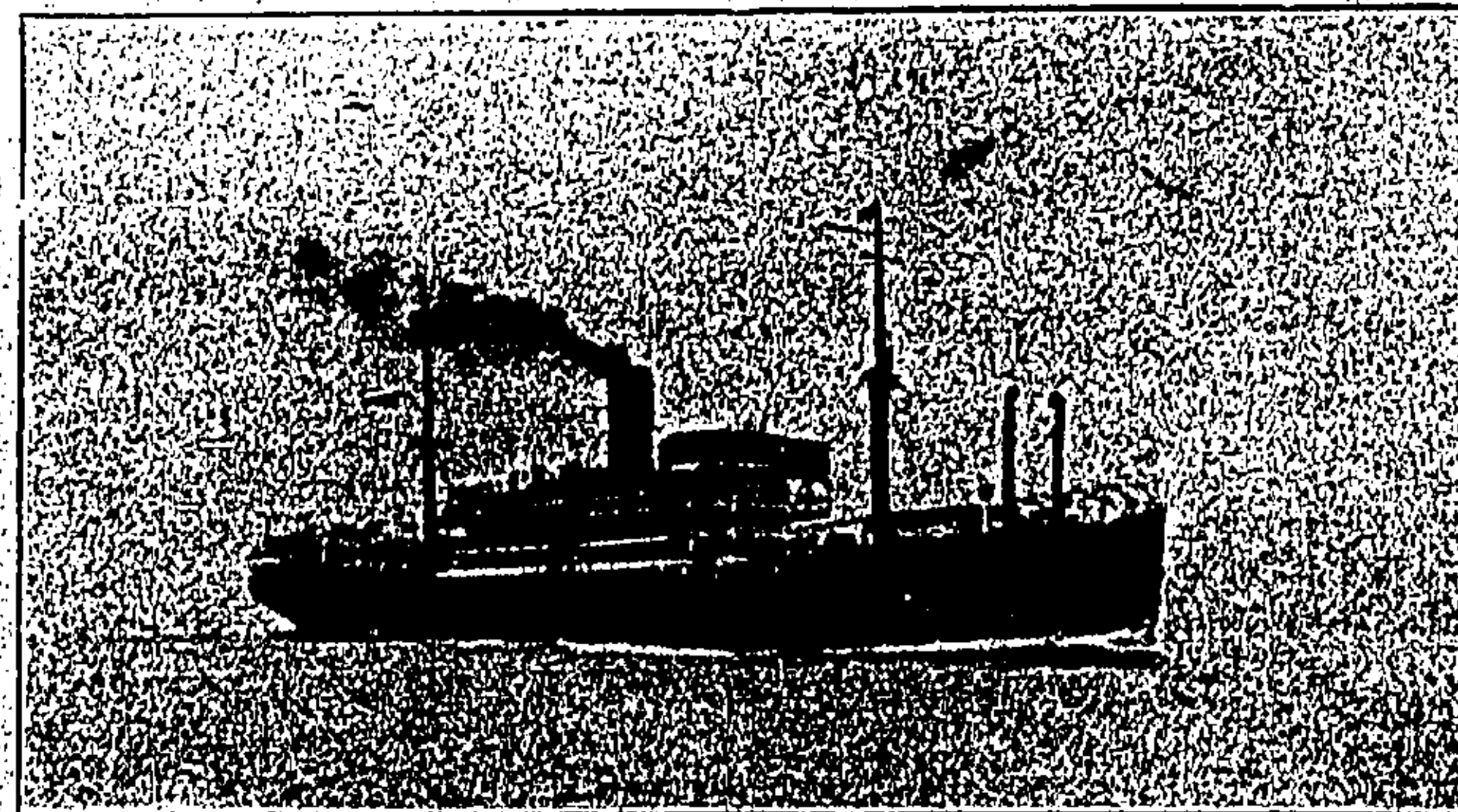
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Interference and not co-operation appears to have been the predominant factor in the past in regard to the campaign against pirates. Every step taken by the Government has been construed as interference even to the providing of Indian guards over whom ships' officers claim that they have no control—and therefore do not as a rule control them. Little credit is given to the Government for providing guards in the first place, as the result of the "Tai On" piracy thirteen or fourteen years ago. Now the Commission on the "Sunning" piracy, whose report has just been issued, would re-transfer the responsibility for internal precautions against piracy to the owners. Even so, the whole idea of "interference" or "misplaced incidence" as the Commission prefers to term it, should be definitely shelved as alien and indeed hurtful to the whole campaign against pirate gangs.

The Commission very pertinently suggests that the Government should endeavour to induce the authorities at the coast ports to make the searching system more effective. The recent history of piracies has only too plainly revealed the inadequacy of searches as far south as Singapore. The port authorities, however, may not be able to impose their will on the owners and agents of steamers if the latter insist on strict adherence to a time schedule and deprecate the idea of two or three hours being devoted to more systematic searches of passengers than at present. Again, any step by the various port authorities might be regarded as "interference" instead of co-operation in the interests of shipping companies and the public generally. Until searches of passengers on embarking become really searches and not merely perfunctory functions entrusted to underlings all discussions of and suggestions for improving or extending internal precautions will remain more or less nugatory.

In recommending the reversion of the whole of the Piracy Prevention Regulations the Commission submits to the attention of owners certain suggestions "sufficient to enable a few determined men to prevent a successful piracy and so to make even the attempt at piracy unlikely." This scheme provides for protection of the bridge by grilles and doggers, the provision of subsidiary grilles, isolating the officers and first class cabins as far as possible, and concentration on points of detail such as the arrangement of lights to assist the defence, a system of alarm bells, and a plan to concentrate all Europeans on alarm. The advantages of such a scheme require no special emphasising: they speak for themselves, and doubtless will receive the earnest consideration of owners in due course.

The compulsory installation of wireless telegraphy, the Commission is of opinion, should be considered, but in any event the Government should encourage its use and development by such means as the reduction of charges for a system of anti-piracy messages. In this connection a memorandum attached to the report gives the outlines of a scheme for wireless and other alarm signals on the ground that "wireless telegraphy as now operated is of no value as an anti-piracy fitting."

And, of course, it is inevitable that the Commission should refer to the necessity for all possible patrolling by the Navy on the rivers and on the coast, especially in the vicinity of such spots as Bias Bay. Whatever may be suggested for the improvement of internal precautions on merchant vessels, the duty of the Navy remains as clear as ever—a duty that the public must look to the Admiralty to perform at all times.

#### SHANGHAI OUTRAGE ARRESTS.

Shanghai, April 24.  
 The French Police have arrested four men in connection with the Geddes case.—Reuter.  
 [It is just over five weeks since four armed Chinese entered the house of Mr. C. E. Geddes, an old man who had retired from his position as head of a well-known Shanghai firm, and robbed him of £8,000. They forced their way into the house on the night of March 7, locked the Chinese servants in a cupboard, tied Mr. Geddes' legs, and struck him about the face and head with a revolver until he signed cheques totalling £8,000. The cheques were cashed the following morning; the marauders remaining all night taunting and threatening their victim. He was released in an exhausted condition after the cheques had been cashed.]

#### "HOSPITAL COMFORTS."

The Committee begs to acknowledge with many thanks receipt of 6 cases of miscellaneous Hospital Comforts from the Joint Council of "The Order St. John" and "The British Red Cross Society."

The ultimate outcome of the Russian Revolution will in all probability be the creation of an intensely conservative and pacifist republic.—The Dean of Worcester.

#### MEXICAN HORROR.

MEASURE AGAINST CATHOLIC PRELATES.

WHOLESALE DEPORTATION.

Mexico, City, April 24.  
 In addition to the Catholic prelates already mentioned, it is learned that Archbishop Puebla and Bishop Huejutla have also been placed on the train for Laredo.

It is reported that other prelates remaining in the country will be deported when found.—Reuter's American Service.

Churchmen Blamed.  
 Mexico City, April 23.  
 Six of the foremost leaders of the Mexican Catholic Episcopate have been ordered to leave the country and are already en route to Laredo.

They were taken from their residences on Thursday night and placed in a train for the American frontier. The men ordered to leave include the Primate Archbishop of Mexico, Archbishop Michoacan.

The Government's drastic action follows its charges that the Episcopate is chiefly responsible for the religious war, dividing the nation, directing revolution, and inspiring outrages like the Limon atrocity.

German Leader.  
 The Governor of the State of Jalisco, where the Limon outrage occurred, has been deposed by State legislature, while Federal troops state that thirteen members of the rebel gang have been killed and three captured. The leader of the gang is said to be a German, who was captured, court-martialled and executed.—Reuter.

#### APPALLING FIRE.

PANIC ON A CHINESE STEAMER.

USUAL ANTI-FOREIGN STORY.

Hankow, April 9.

The str. "Pengpu," a Chinese-owned river steamer, caught fire yesterday afternoon just after leaving her wharf here bound for Shanghai. The vessel was packed with people. There were on the ship at least 2,000 civilians and 1,000 armed troops.

The ship had not been under way more than an hour when smoke began to pour skyward from her after deck. In a few minutes the after section of the ship was aflame. The thousands on board became panic-stricken and in the rush to escape, before the steamer could be tied up to a wharf on the other side of the river, many men, women and children were pushed overboard, swept away in the swift, yellow Yangtze and drowned. The fire was finally subdued but the ship suffered much damage and will not be able to proceed for a considerable time, until it has undergone extensive repairs.

Typical of the attitude toward foreigners here were the shouts which went up from the Bund front when the vessel was seen afire. Coolies quickly spread the word that "foreigners had set fire to the 'Pengpu' in a dastardly plot to kill the 3,000 Chinese on board."

#### VICAR'S FAREWELL.

SPECIAL ST. ANDREW'S SERVICES.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay conducted a farewell service at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, speaking with appreciation of the confidence of the Church and congregation had placed him in during his seven years' service. They had been seven very happy years.

The work of the Church had prospered and there had been a considerable increase of members and of the work which had been so unselfishly shared by all office bearers. He hoped to carry away with him the very friendly and united spirit they had all helped to create.

Special parades were held at St. Andrew's Church yesterday morning of the St. Andrew's Boy Scouts and the 2nd Kowloon Girl Guide Company (Diosesan Girls' School). Opportunity was taken by the officers of the Girl Guides to have their Colours dedicated. These consisted of the King's Colours and the colours of the Company. During the service the two colours were escorted to the steps of the altar and dedicated by the Rev. G. R. Lindsay who later preached a sermon specially for the younger people.

At the conclusion of the evening service, a sing-song was held at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Club attached to St. Andrew's. Mr. Lindsay, taking the opportunity to bid farewell to Service friends.

Our chief critics of women in the House of Lords evidently look on it as a sort of male sanctuary.—Viscount Astor.

#### ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

England's National Traditions.

YESTERDAY'S SERVICE.

A special St. George's Day sermon was delivered at St. John's Cathedral yesterday by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, in the course of which the Chaplain said that the sense of responsibilities which was ours to-day must fill us with a new enthusiasm to live up to all that is noblest in the history of our forefathers.

The Cathedral Chaplain was assisted by the Rev. G. E. S. Updell and the Cathedral Choir, with Mr. R. A. Brown at the organ.

There were present the President of the Society and Mrs. G. G. Alabaster, the two Past Presidents, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. W. A. Dowley, Lady Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Rev. Mr. F. A. Wells, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. R. A. Jardine, Mr. E. Ralphs and others.

A collection was taken for the provision of Hospital comforts for the troops of the Shanghai Defence Corps.

A Precedent.  
 In welcoming the officials and members of St. George's Society, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle said that he believed it was the first time that the Society had attended service as a Society and he greatly hoped that the precedent formed that day would be followed in years to come.

After referring to such facts as to the life of England's patron saint that history deposes to and to "the story of the dragon which is an allegory to express the triumph of Christianity over Paganism, or of a Christian hero over Satan," the preacher said that among the national characteristics of Englishmen was that of the spirit of adventure. The Englishman had always been ready to take risks and venture abroad and that was one reason why the small island which was our home had become the centre of the greatest Empire the world had ever seen.

Another characteristic was the Englishman's devotion to open air games which, although it was open to abuse, had a very good effect on us bodily and morally. The world might well be grateful to those who had shown it the benefit of such exercises.

No doubt the teaching of the Church Catechism, with its clear statement of our duty to God and our neighbour, a teaching which had been instilled into the minds of Englishmen for over two hundred years had been largely instrumental in developing the devotion to duty which was another characteristic of the Englishman.

Stood For Liberty.  
 The British Empire stood for a reasonable liberty as against the tyranny of Bolshevism on the one hand and Fascism on the other. To maintain and increase liberty was a high ideal to which we might dedicate ourselves anew that day. The great Empire which had gathered around our island home stood to-day for Peace and Liberty. Never before had there been an Empire bound together by external authority, but only by the union of a common purpose and a common ideal.

In conclusion, the preacher asked "that Almighty God, who has given us so great a heritage, may give us the courage and power to hand it on to the generations that are yet to be, and make it more and more a blessing to the world."

#### Other Observances.

The President and Committee of St. George's Society entertained H.E. the Governor and his A.D.C. to a luncheon in the Palm Court of the Hong Kong Hotel on Saturday. Service men were entertained by the officers and members of the Society in the afternoon to a cinematograph entertainment in the Queen's Theatre.

Special dances were held on Saturday evening at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel and at the Peak Club.

Over two hundred members of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes attended a church parade at St. John's Cathedral last night, a special sermon on the charitable work of the Order being preached by the Rev. G. Stopford, C.F., and a simple and impressive service being held subsequently at the Cathedral War Memorial.

The lodges represented were the Provincial Grand Lodge, the Oriental Lodge, the Sir James Oxberry Lodge, the St. Ambrose Lodge, the Durban Lodge, the Froisher Lodge, the Wellesley Lodge and the Sir Roger Keyes Lodge.

The leading members, who were in full regalia, were Messrs. W. Saunders (P.G.F.), W. J. Bagley (P.G.F.), P. H. Robbins (P.G.Ch.) A. V. Frost (P.G. Ty.), E. Newman (P.G.A.B.), J. Colthorpe (P.G.G.W.), F. Lonsdale (P.G. Com.), M. V. Brockway (P.G.G.A.J.), H. Goldenburg (P.G.S.), and F. W. Mallett (I.P.P.G.F.).

Sent to jail in January this year to serve nine months' hard labour for returning from banishment, a Chinese prisoner died at the Victoria Jail hospital at 5.10 a.m., on Saturday, after a breakdown in his cell on April 19. Major Willson and a jury held an inquest on Saturday and after medical evidence by Dr. Alexander Cannon showing that everything had been done for the man, a verdict was returned that death was due to acute tuberculosis.

#### SERG. TAINT.

HOLDING UP ARMY OF CANTONESE.

GEN. "WHAT HO'S" DONKEY.

Sir Percival Phillips cabled from Shanghai on March 23 to the "Daily Mail":

The first experience which the Cantonese Army of Occupation had of British troops must have been a profound surprise, for they were handled like a section of London traffic by a matter-of-fact N.C.O., Sergeant Taint, of Brentford, Middlesex, whose platoon of the 2nd Battalion the Border Regiment confronted them beyond the beginning of the British cordon which is protecting the International Settlement.

This meeting occurred a mile west of the junction of the Franco-British line, where Hunjiao-road crosses the railway leading from the South to the North Station.

Here a detachment of 30 men from B Company of the Border Regiment, commanded by Lieut. R. C. Cottrell-Hill, was stationed as an outpost.

At about 5 p.m. yesterday the post at the railway crossing, where Sergeant Taint was on duty, saw an advance guard across the fields in charge of two officers. When the officer said he wanted to go to the North Station. He was informed that he could go where he liked if he kept beyond or on the railway.

Handshake and a Salute.  
 A short and quite amicable conversation terminated in one officer saluting Sergt. Taint and the other shaking hands with him. The Chinese about-turned their men and marched in the direction of Sica-wai village, opposite the French portion of the cordon.

The main body of the Cantonese infantry was afterwards observed converging on this area, and the troops bivouacked for the night.

At 10 o'clock this morning they began a rather undignified march along the railway line, which here forms a great loop. They moved with no regard to military formation. They were not even in step and as they shuffled past Sergt. Taint and his men, who sat in boxes beside the metals, watched them with grave disapproval.

It was an amazingly miscellaneous procession, lacking the jubilant air one naturally expected in a conquering army. First came about 3,000 infantry in shapeless padded grey tunics and ragged trousers, carrying rifles of various kinds, and dangling by frayed bits of string from their belts were Mills bombs. A few had their umbrellas hoisted as a protection against the mild sunshine.

There were officers at intervals, the higher ones mounted on tired little ponies, the others shambling indifferently as they pleased. Some were mere boys, a few were elderly men, and many were of the spectacle student type.

Gold Tabs on a Donkey.  
 There was a distinct sensation among the crowd of Chinese peasants, spectators around the railway post, when the impressive figure of an officer with gold shoulder straps astride a donkey hove in sight. He had a bundle of maps under his arm, and as the donkey trotted by he smiled and saluted like a victorious Emperor entering his capital. The Chinese clapped their hands at him like an audience at a theatre.

He was said to be General Ho, commanding these troops of the First Division of the First Revolutionary Army. His obvious feeling of gratification at the plaudits of the country folk might have been diminished afterwards if he had known that before he advanced more than a few hundred yards past the post the British Army knew him as General What Ho!

"Half a Minute There."  
 Nor would he have felt exhilarated by the sight of Sergt. Taint at the cross-roads treating his men and all the conquering troops as the police on duty deal with a procession of London taxicabs in Piccadilly. Utterly unmoved by any emotion, Sergt. Taint let the column go its informal way until a motor-car, ricksha, or cart in the Hungjiao Road, either on his side of the railway or beyond, was halted by the advancing army. Then he thrust his arm authoritatively across the metals.

"Half a minute there," said he, and obediently the column halted, whether the men nearest him happened to be coolies bowed under the weight of cooling pots, and signal lanterns, or fatigued company commanders brandishing walking-sticks.

The shout would go up, "Halt the procession behind!" and a foreign car or perhaps a ricksha Chinese cart would cut through the army. "Now, then, come on," Sergt. Taint would then shout, not unkindly, and again the ragged regiments would plod their way forward along the railway embankment.

"I cannot speak too highly of women house surgeons.—Dr. R. A. Milligan.

The man who has no defects is not a man at all.—Sir Ernest Wild, K.C.

It was British beef, beer and baccas that made the Britisher.—"Monsoon" H. T. Ojiver, A.O.F.B.

The man in the pulpit, who is out to raise a large sum of money, Rcv. F. G. Tizzard, at Triverton.



## BIBLE IN CHINA.

## Report of the Local Auxiliary.

## SPREADING THE GOSPEL.

In spite of the difficult times through which religious organisations in China have been passing, an increase in the number of Scriptures sold at the British and Foreign Bible Society depot is reported by the local Auxiliary of this Society which is holding its annual meeting to-morrow at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m.

H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard C.B., C.M.G., is to preside and the speakers will be the Rev. G. W. Sheppard, Agent in China of the Society, and Dr. J. H. Montgomery, of Amoy.

Sales of Bible Society publications at the Depot, during the year, reached a total of 8,850, comprising Bibles, Testaments and Portions, consisting of single Gospels. The amount received by these sales was \$2,566.31.

In the list of English Scriptures thus distributed are 444 Bibles, 180 New Testaments and 36 Portions, together with 31 Testaments and 71 Portions of a bilingual version, English and Cantonese.

Scriptures in Cantonese figure prominently in the statement. These include 600 Bibles, 1,210 New Testaments and 5,220 Portions. Chinese Wenli Bibles to the number of 891 found purchasers as also did 83 Gospels in Wenli. There was a demand for Scriptures in the Mandarin language and in Hakka which was duly met. Chinese Scriptures in Romanised type were among the publications sold, vernacular Scriptures in French, German, Portuguese, Polish, Russian, Japanese and Punjabi lend variety to the list of B. F. B. S. publications distributed by sales in 1926.

## Help For The Blind.

It is worthy of note that the Depot was again the means of providing Braille Scriptures for the blind and Chinese Bible text scrolls for decorative purposes.

Comparison with the preceding year shows a falling off in the number of Bibles and Testaments included in the total sales. On the other hand there was a large increase in the number of single Gospels thus placed in circulation. As a result the General Committee is in a position to report that the total number of Scriptures sold at the Depot in 1926 marks an advance of 3,325 on the sales for 1925. The circumstance is viewed with satisfaction as indicative of successful service for the Bible Society through the local Depot in troublous times.

Particulars of Colportage, during the year, have been supplied by the Rev. H. O. T. Burckwall, the Society's Sub-Agent in charge of the district that, for Bible Society purposes, includes Hong Kong and its Dependencies. Thirteen Colporteurs have been employed, under responsible missionary supervision, in the Sub-Agent's district. Of this number three men and two women rendered regular service on the island of Hong Kong, in the New Territories and among the shipping and boat population. By colportage within the area covered by the Sub-Agent 59,586 volumes of the Scriptures were placed in the hands of the people.

## Distribution Perils.

In view of the disturbed conditions generally prevalent, the sales effected by some of the colporteurs are encouraging. This branch of service has been steadily maintained, nor have the workers encountered much active hostility. The most serious danger to which they have been exposed in their travels was from bandits, the terror of many a country-side in South China to-day.

The efforts of this Auxiliary to raise, locally, funds for the Bible Society have been continued on the lines approved in former years. A time honoured practice in the Churches of the Colony has been the due observance of a Bible Sunday, when the claims of the British and Foreign Bible Society are advocated, specially, and collections taken on behalf of its world-wide operations.

The General Committee would venture to suggest that if possible the same date for Bible Sunday be fixed by the Churches Authorities as a means to further realisation of fellowship in this service and a closer union in things essential.

Collectors appointed by the Churches to solicit subscriptions and donations will find the Ladies' Committee of the Auxiliary helpful in consultation. Application will be made, shortly, in the proper quarter for supplies of leaflet and pamphlet literature, and "Wolsley" were subjected to in English and in Chinese for use, rifle fire from the south bank in connection with Bible Sunday. British Naval Wireless.

## YANGTSE INCIDENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

We earnestly desire that our Government will despatch a punitive expedition to China with the object of smashing the autocratic Administration organised by a group of persons influenced by mobs.

The resolution, according to the message, was immediately despatched to Premier Wakatsuki, the Minister of War, the Minister of the Navy, both Houses, various Political Parties, and various leading organisations.

## EARLIER MESSAGES.

Post of Commander in Chief Abolished.

Shanghai, April 24.

The Hankow Government has issued a mandate stipulating that military affairs on all fronts will henceforward be directed by the Military Committee of the Nationalist Government. The post of Commander-in-Chief has been abolished.—Reuter.

Tang Seng-chi Resigns.

Hankow, April 23. It is apparent that the authorities are using every endeavour to prevent the development of incidents. According to local reports, Tang Shen-cho (Tang Seng-chi?) has tendered his resignation to the Southern Government.—Naval Wireless.

Communists at Kiukiang.

Kiukiang, April 22. The Communists appear to have Kiukiang completely in their control. A new Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has been appointed from Hankow. He is a Mr. Lui Hai, and is understood to be a Communist.

It is indicative of the state of affairs that anti-foreign posters made their appearance in the ex-British Concession yesterday, although they do not appear to be virulently anti-British.—Naval Wireless.

## Report Amended.

Kiukiang, April 23. As an amendment to the previous report, it is stated that Mr. Liu has relieved Mr. Liu Hua as commissioner for Foreign Affairs, the former being reported to be a strong "Red"—British Naval Wireless.

Chiang Kai-shek's Son.

Moscow, April 24. Among the first and loudest to raise his voice against Chiang Kai-shek's recent attitude towards Communists is Chiang's son, a student at Sun Yat-sen's University for training Chinese revolutionaries.

He contributed an article to a newspaper breathing fierce filial rebellion and launching the slogan, "Down with Chiang Kai-shek," who, he declares, "was my father and friend in the revolution; but now he has passed to the camp of the enemy he is my foe."—Reuter.

Communists Criticise Soviet.

Riga, April 23. Speeches and articles on the Chinese question by Bolshevik leaders reveal great differences among prominent Communists.

M. Rudek, according to intelligence received here, severely criticises the Soviet Government's tactics in China and calls on it to counteract this "bourgeois revolution" by bolder methods—such as severing relations with the Kuomintang and Bolshevising China by organising Soviets of peasant workers.

On the other hand, M. Bukharin endeavours to prove that the Chinese revolution is progressing on Marxist lines in spite of such "traitors" as Chiang Kai-shek and company.—Reuter.

Moscow's Hand.

Peking, April 23. Among further documents discovered in the Soviet Embassy are letters from the Soviet Government to Borodin and Gallen.

One letter to Borodin shows that the Soviet Government controlled Chiang Kai-shek's anti-Northern Expedition since it started from Canton last year and ordered a Russian Military Commission to be established for the Kuomintang army, the Chairman of which should be concurrently Chief of Staff of the Nationalist Army.

Another letter to Borodin states that the Soviet Government paid G.\$1,100,000 to the Nationalist Government last November and proposed that G.\$300,000 be paid monthly till the conclusion of hostilities.

The letter to Gallen shows that the Soviet paid him a salary of G.\$7,000 monthly as Soviet Military Adviser to Chiang Kai-shek.—Reuter.

Firing at Warships.

Wuhu, April 23. Everything remains quiet and there is nothing to report. There was an interchange of fire between Lion Hill, Nanking, and Laoshushan, where guns of calibre estimated at up to eight-inch are in action. H.M. Ships "Keppel" and "Wolsley" were subjected to in English and in Chinese for use, rifle fire from the south bank in connection with Bible Sunday. British Naval Wireless.

## "ACCIDENTS."

MEN WHO STRUCK THEIR WIVES.

QUARRELS OVER MONEY.

A farmer living in Tinwan, Aberdeen, was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with assaulting a woman with a bamboo pole causing injuries to her head and right hand. Accused admitted the charge.

Sub-Inspector Goble said the woman spent two days in hospital because of her broken head. Asked for the circumstances leading up to the assault, the Inspector said the complainant was accused's "kept woman." They had a quarrel over money and the woman raised a hoe and threatened to strike accused, who immediately picked up a pole and cracked her head with it.

Magistrate (to accused): This is your unofficial wife?—Yes. Why do you treat her roughly like that?—I did it by accident.

Nonsense, if you were actually fighting it can't be an accident. Why can't you live peacefully together?—It was only an altercation. Nothing serious.

Nothing serious! Yet her head was broken!

Answering the Magistrate, the woman said she had lived eight months with the accused, but was not willing to return to him.

Mr. Lindsell: Yes, you had better live elsewhere. Accused was fined \$5 or seven days' jail.

## Brutal Husband.

Immediately afterwards Inspector Blackman charged a Wanchai Chinese with assaulting his wife at No. 194, Praya East.

This man also pleaded "guilty." Mr. Lindsell: Another frank admission! What are the facts?

Inspector Blackman said this was also a money quarrel, when accused picked up a piece of lead piping and struck his wife once on the side and twice on the leg. He added that the woman was in an "interesting condition."

Magistrate (to accused): How long have you been married?—About three years.

Any children?—No.

Well, she is on the way to have a child now and you strike her in the side like that. You might have killed the child, and her too.—It was an accident.

If you tell lies it will be the worse for you.

Accused was bound over in a personal bond of \$50 and an additional security of \$50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, the Magistrate remarking: "If you strike your wife again you will go straight to jail."

## LONDON'S "SKYSCRAPER."

London's highest modern building will shortly be erected close to Queen Anne's Gate. It will be 126ft. high, and will therefore be two storeys higher than Queen Anne's Mansions close by.

Its exterior walls will be 90ft. high, and then the remainder of the building will be set back.

There are to be six express lifts to all floors. The whole building will be devoted to offices for the Underground Railway.

## Warships Return Fire.

Chinkiang, April 23. H.M. Ships "Keppel" and "Wolsley" were under rifle fire from the south bank about nine miles above Chinkiang. The fire was returned with effect, with one or two rounds from the main armament of both ships. A similar incident occurred on Friday morning at Kiangyen.

Units of the 3rd Division of the 1st Army have arrived and appear to be well equipped.—British Naval Wireless.

## U.S. Vessel Fired On.

Kiukiang, April 23. A small number of troops of the 6th Army have arrived from up-river. The American destroyer "Peary" was fired on early this morning by forts on the Ma Tung Bluff.—British Naval Wireless.

## Corrupt Northern General.

Peking, April 23. A document from the ex-Soviet Embassy, published by the Chinese last night, shows that General Chang Tso-lin's subordinate, General Kuo Sung-in, received \$400,000 from the Soviet to revolt in December, 1925, against Chang Tso-lin with a promise of a further \$400,000 when Chang Tso-lin had been completely eliminated.—Reuter.

## More Troops.

London, April 23. Eight field guns and 51 six-wheel motor-lorries belonging to No. 38 Company of the R.A.S.C. Motor Tractors and a large supply of ammunition, formed part of the cargo of the transport "City of Poona," which has sailed from Southampton for the Far East.

There is also a small detachment of troops aboard.—Reuter.

## DEVIL'S DYKE SOLD.

THE DOWNS AND THE PUBLIC.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY.

The "Brighton Herald" announces that the Dyke Estate has been sold to a private purchaser who at present declines to authorise any other statement than one confirming the fact of the purchase. It is believed, however, that it is the intention to use the estate for the purposes of a private residence.

The name of the purchaser has not been divulged, and the use to which the great estate, which lies 679 ft. above sea-level, will be put is unknown.

This is another illustration of the difficulties which beset those who are interested in the preservation of the South Downs. It is difficult to say on present information what may be the total effect of this change in ownership, but it is impossible not to feel serious misgivings.

It was announced a short time ago that the estate had been acquired by a syndicate and that there was an intention to develop the crown of the hill as a bungalow settlement. Indignation was aroused by this threat to such a place, and steps were taken as a result of which the earthworks from which the hill is named were scheduled as an ancient monument.

A little later, the intention having apparently been frustrated, the estate was offered for sale by auction. It was strongly urged at the time that the obviously proper purchaser was the Brighton Corporation, since the Devil's Dyke, which affords one of the most extended and beautiful prospects in England, is one of the greatest attractions to visitors. The estate was, however, withdrawn from auction, and if the statement now made is true, apparently all chances of exercising control over this wonderful hill-top has gone.

It is obvious that, as in the case of Box Hill, no private purchaser can entirely exclude the public from the hill-top, even if he wished to do so, as there are certain rights of way which cannot be closed. At the same time, it is obvious that the purchaser of an estate such as this can very materially curtail the power of free roaming over the hill-top and its slopes which the public has hitherto enjoyed. Should the purchase result in the enclosure of the land by fencing, and the material exclusion of the public from the slopes and summit, there will be some criticism of the Brighton Corporation for having allowed the opportunity to pass of securing this, one of the greatest of their attractions.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

April 25—Queen's Theatre: "The American Venus."  
April 25—World Theatre: "Coming Through."  
April 25—Star Theatre: "Adventure."

April 25—Cafe Restaurant Parisien tea dance, 4.30 p.m.; dinner dance, 8 p.m.

April 29—Concert for Service men at the "Cheer O," Y.M.C.A., Chater Road.

## Sports.

April 27—Annual Hong Kong Inter-School Athletic Sports, H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.

May 7—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

## Meetings.

April 25—Meeting of all Company Commanders and Officers at Volunteer Headquarters, 5.30 p.m. to discuss future training programme of the H.K.V.D. Corps.

April 28—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, City Hall, 4 p.m.

May 17—Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Canton Insurance Co., noon.

May 20—Fifty-fourth meeting of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Union Bldg., 11 a.m.

May 20—Sixty-first annual meeting of British Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.14 a.m.

May 20—Fifty-eighth yearly meeting of China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd., Union Building, 11.15 a.m.

April 25—Public lecture at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Speaker: Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

April 26—Beethoven centenary recital by Mr. Harry Ore, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 26—St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club debate "That bachelors should be taxed," Club House.

May 2—Dinner and Concert at Volunteer Headquarters 7.45 p.m.

May 3—Quarry Bay School holds spring festival, 11 a.m. Launch for visitors leaves, Murray Pier 10.20 a.m.

May 7—Annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club, Hotel Savoy, 8 p.m.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

There were five cases of notifiable disease during the week-end, all Chinese in the city registration district. Three were of enteric fever (typhoid), one of small-pox and the other of cerebro-spinal fever.

One thousand and twenty persons were killed in street accidents in Greater London during 1926. The L.C.C. Special Committee on Traffic state that it was the first time the number had exceeded 1,000. During the last six years fatalities had increased by 55 per cent. The number of people injured during 1926 was 47,213. In six years the number of injuries had increased by about 55 per cent.

Remarkable scenes marked the close of the "Rose Marie" season at Drury Lane. A queue of 1,000 persons waited for hours to obtain seats in the pit. Eventually, when told that there was no chance of admittance, they attempted to rush the doors. In the scramble, clothes were torn off, walking sticks and umbrellas smashed, and an usher's coat was torn off.

The Antipodes intend to have their say in science; and Professor Chapman, of Sydney University, is measuring the waists of 20,000 Australian women with a view to comparison with the Venus de Milo. The results, put in terms of physiology, ethnology, and hygiene, will no doubt be of undoubted value; and it is pleasant to know that the labours of research, so ill-paid and so inadequately recognised, have sometimes their less unattractive side.

The Queen, visiting the infant welfare centre at Camberwell, with which she was familiar as a child, saw 12 unchristened babies the mothers of whom wished to name them Mary in celebration of the visit. Canon Douglas, rector of St. Luke's, readily complied. The idea has been taken up throughout the parish. Other mothers have besieged Canon Douglas, pleading a similar honour. Already there have been 20 applications. Canon Douglas says he expects more, but it does not matter if there are 1,000—he will christen them all. The Mayor will attend the christenings officially. Six thousand children will foregather and sing the National Anthem. Many children will be christened "Rosemary," because the Queen recalled how she loved the rosemary bushes at St. Luke's when she attended the church in her childhood with her mother.

M. Chamier, Director of the National School of Hairdressing, declares, according to the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Mail," that the Eton crop and shingling are doomed, and will be replaced by semi-long hair like the mediaeval pages. Wigs, he says, will be worn in the evening, especially white pompadours.

London, April 23.—Mr. George Eastman of Rochester, New York, head of the Kodak Company, has given £300,000 for the establish-



ment of a dental tonsil and adenoid clinic in London, which will be associated with the Royal Free Hospital.—British Wireless Service.

An expedition sponsored by the University of California is killing two whales a day, and obtaining the pituitary glands for experiments. The carcasses are set adrift when the tiny organ at the base of the brain is extracted. A barrel of these glands will finally be delivered to Professor Max Dunn, who hopes to separate the constituent elements and find the agency which causes a whale's tissues to grow to leviathan proportions, thus possibly solving the secret of the structure of all animal life.

"These creatures eat anything," remarked the King, noticing a goat during his inspection, with the Queen, of Queen Alexandra's Home for Discharged Soldiers at Roehampton. As if to give point to the King's remark, the goat, which is named Winifred, promptly swallowed a packet of cigarettes dropped by a member of the party, and then started making a meal from the dress of a lady-in-waiting. "Winifred" subsequently became so interested in the King's attire that she was locked up in a pen.

"Peaches" Browning, who lost her suit for separation from and maintenance by her wealthy husband, has signed a vaudeville contract for £20,000 for six months. Mr. Hays, the movie magnate, has refused to allow her appearance in any cinema in America.

"The present generation of young women will certainly go bald," declared Dr. Leonard Williams, during a lecture before the Health Society. He condemned shingling and tight hats, which resulted in hair falling out when women were between 30 and 40 years of age.

Speaking at the Knights of the Round Table Club's farewell dinner to Sir Joseph Cook, Mr. Justice McCardie, "The Bachelor Judge," remarked that, whereas formerly it took two sheep to clothe a woman, a silkworm now sufficed. He hoped, however, that the change would not have a bad effect on Australia's great industry.

The authorities of St. Thomas's Hospital Infant Welfare Centre, London, have come to the conclusion that fathers as well as mothers should meet together and discuss their babies, and an evening has been set aside every week for Fatherhood Classes. "The plans have been a great success," said the Lady Almoner to a Press representative. "The men learn how to look after the children in the absence of their wives. They spend the whole evening at the Centre, smoke, and read the newspapers, and 'talk babies.' Doctors discuss the various problems of fatherhood with them, and are also available for private conversation when required."

Mr. Justice H. O. C. Beasley at the Madras High Court on March 24 disposed of a civil suit brought by Mr. Cyril Barton Baylis against the Eastern Extension, Australia and China Telegraph Co. The suit was for the recovery of damages from the defendants for their alleged wrongful termination of service and other damages on account of the defendants having required him to do onerous duties and extra service which induced writer's cramp and nervous breakdown, and refusal to allow plaintiff an opportunity to recover his health by taking rest in a hill station. Plaintiff also asked for a declaration that he was entitled to a pension of Rs. 200 a month from Feb. 1, 1927, and also due payment of Widows' Fund. His Lordship dismissed the suit with costs.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Lady Halley, wife of the Governor of the Punjab, had a fortunate escape recently when an aeroplane, piloted by Captain Leete, who made the historic flight to India, struck a telegraph wire in its descent, overturned and was smashed. Neither the passenger nor the pilot were injured.

The death took place at Home in mail week of Sir Cornthwaite Hector Rason at Valetta, Palace Park Road, Sydenham, S.E., aged 68. A native of Somerset, he emigrated to Western Australia in 1881, entered Parliament, and eventually became Premier, after which he represented that State as Agent-General in London from 1906 until 1909, in which year he was knighted. During the war he was for a time head of the War-time Food Department in London, but resigned in November 1917, and strongly criticised the Government methods of control of the food and shoe industry. Sir Cornthwaite, who was secretary to Messrs. Bovril, Ltd., had been at work until about a week before his death.

Fresh from his trip to India, Sir Robert Horne recently celebrated his 56th birthday. A son of the manse, few men have had a more varied career, but this rolling stone has gathered much moss. He has been in turn a Professor of Philosophy, a barrister (taking silk), and a sort of Pook Bah, at the Admiralty during the war. Turning his back on all these avocations he entered politics. No sooner was he elected a legislator than he entered the Cabinet at a bound as Minister of Labour, becoming in breathless succession President of the Board of Trade and Chancellor of the Exchequer. At one time the leadership of the Unionist Party did not seem beyond his grasp. Although he did not retire from Parliament after the famous meeting at the Carlton Club, which torpedoed the Coalition, he remained in it rather than of it. All his feverish energy was devoted to commerce, and it is a marvel how he finds time to attend to all his directorships. A genial soul with a fund of racy tales, no man looks less like the traditional lawyer. He would probably attribute his care-free disposition to the fact that he enters his 57th year an inveterate bachelor.

The Cannes correspondent of the "Weekly Dispatch" states that Prince George, partnered by the Marchioness of Milford Haven, who is a daughter of Grand Duke Michael of Russia, won a Charleston contest at the Casino. There was tremendous enthusiasm when the judges knowing the competitors only by numbers, announced the result.



Brig. Gen. Logan Feland, U. S. M. C., who has arrived in Nicaragua to take charge of the American occupational force, which is taking over various portions of that country with a view to quelling the civil strife now endangering American and other foreign interests.

For the first time in the history of Penang, a Japanese lady has played on the Penang Cricket Club tennis court. She was Mrs. Okamoto, wife of the Calcutta champion. She was a passenger on a boat en route to India. It was an exhibition match, husband and wife meeting Mr. Penckney and Mrs. Saffery, formerly Miss Holmes. After a hard fought game, the first set went to the local pair 8-2, the second to the visitors 2-2 and the last after a post-hard struggle fell to the locals, 8-6.

"How beautiful! Even the flowers and leaves are made of postage stamps. I would like to know the name of the artist," said the Queen when admiring a picture at the Amateur Art Society's exhibition. When told that the artist was a domestic servant named Carr, Her Majesty said: "I must send her a letter of congratulation on her delightful work."

Mr. Clement King Shorter, of Knockmorrone, Great Missenden, Bucks, founder, editor, and a life director of the "Sphere" and "Tatler," founder and formerly editor of "The Sketch" and for some years editor of the "Illustrated London News," who died on Nov. 19 last, aged sixty-nine years, left estate of the gross value of £54,752, with net personality £54,457.

Royal residences in this country are not often turned into hotels, remarks the "Daily Mail's" gossip writer. That, however, is to be the fate of Osborne Cottage, East Cowes. Although termed a cottage the place is really a medium-sized mansion. It formed part of the Osborne House demesne in Queen Victoria's day and was occupied for many years by Princess Beatrice. Until her marriage the Queen of Spain lived at Osborne Cottage, and King Alfonso, after he became betrothed to her, was there a good deal. The cottage stands close by Osborne House, which thousands of visitors to the Isle of Wight pass every year without knowing that it can be inspected on certain days and that it is one of our most interesting show places. Into the room in which Queen Victoria died the public is not allowed to enter, but visitors can see the fine Indian Room, which, I believe, still contains the Prince Consort's billiards table. The main gates of Osborne have not been opened since Queen Victoria's body passed through them. Her tea house—the Swiss Chalet—with the small gardens around it which King Edward and his brothers and sisters used to cultivate for amusement when they were children may be viewed. In them are preserved the gardening tools which the royal children pooled while their father and mother sat by watching them at play.

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## SPORTS SECTION

## CHINESE SOCCER.

## TOURING PLAYERS FOR AUSTRALIA.

## HONG KONG MAN INCLUDED.

Several of Hong Kong's "star" Chinese footballers left on Saturday on the "Aki Maru" for a tour of Australia. In company with a number of Shanghai players, a few years ago, a Chinese combination went down and did quite well although losing the Tests and rubber. On its return, the "South China" team won the Hong Kong senior league for the only time in its history.

The last tour was under Australian supervision. This time, time, Professor K. L. Kwong (manager of the Loh Hwa Football Club, Shanghai) is in charge with Mr. Quai Tze-king (Consul-General for China at Melbourne) as patron and adviser. Mr. C. Y. Woo will also be going and the team includes fifteen players.

The Tourists. Most of the names are spelt according to Shanghai pronunciation with initials instead of the full names. From the list available, it seems that Hong Kong is providing the majority and Shanghai is sending the Chinese interpreters. Names which can be "identified" include:

Leung Yuk-long, Chan Kwong-ju, Lai Yuk-lat, Wong Shui-wah, Tso Kwai-shing, Ng Kam-cheun of Chinese Athletic.

Li Tin-sang, Fung King-cheung of South China.

Li Wai-long (captain), T. W. Chen (Shanghai Interport winger), Lau Kau, who have played in Hong Kong.

L. K. Tai (forward), H. S. Bang (half), Y. Y. Chow (goal), N. Y. Ling (half), and

K. S. Sung (described as a right-inside forward) who may be Suen Kam-shun of Chinese Athletic, but as he was playing in the charity match on Saturday, this name may be that of somebody else.

Chinese Culture. Professor Kwong went down to Australia to make the preliminary arrangements and Li Wai-long was recruiting here a few weeks ago.

Mr. Quai Tze-king (Consul-General) wrote as follows to Professor Kwong:

"Confirming our conversation, I have much pleasure to notify you that I shall be very glad to act as patron and adviser to your team, in which capacity, I shall help in every way possible to make your tour a successful and pleasant one."

"Personally, I am of the opinion that such a tour helps to cement the friendly relationship of the two great Pacific nations. I wish to emphasize through you to each member of the team that they represent Chinese culture in the real sense, and I have no doubt that they bear that in mind with great dignity."

Tentative Fixtures. The tentative list of fixtures is:—New South Wales at Sydney. Metropolis at Sydney. Northern Districts at New castle.

Victoria at Melbourne. South Australia at Adelaide. West Australia at Perth or Fremantle.

West Australia at Perth. South Australia at Adelaide. Australia (exhibition) at Adelaide.

Victoria at Melbourne. Charity game at Melbourne. Australia (exhibition) at Melbourne.

1st Test at Sydney. South Coast at Wollongong. Maitland in S. M. District. 2nd Test at Newcastle.

Newcastle at Newcastle. Queensland at Brisbane. West Moreton at Ipswich. 3rd Test at Brisbane.

Toowoomba at Toowoomba. North Coast (?) at Bundaberg.

Professor Kwong is quoted by the "China Press" as saying that should the tour meet with financial backing, he may bring the same team on a tour to Europe and America.

The last Australian match is on August 13 and the players hope to return in time for the 8th Far Eastern Olympiad at Shanghai on August 27 to Sept. 3.

## PING PONG MATCH.

Winning each one of the 16 games, Wah Yan Old Boys' Union won their ping-pong match yesterday against South China Athletic Association by 132 games to 44. Teams were 4-a-side. Scores:—

Wah Yan—T. H. Wong won 34 games to 10, H. S. Chan 30 to 14, T. M. Wong 30 to 14, T. P. Ng 38 to 6—total 132 to 44.

South China A.A.—L. Y. Wong won 16 games to 28, L. W. Wong 10 to 34, K. K. Sin 7 to 37, K. L. Leung 11 to 33—total 44 to 132.

## FANLING GOLF.

At the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club course, at Fanling, yesterday, the play-off for 1st place in the Shanghai Visitors' Cup was decided, resulting:

N. L. Smith 85-77-80-78-80-76-75-74-73-72-71-70-69-68-67-66-65-64-63-62-61-60-59-58-57-56-55-54-53-52-51-50-49-48-47-46-45-44-43-42-41-40-39-38-37-36-35-34-33-32-31-30-29-28-27-26-25-24-23-22-21-20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

(This competition was held during the Easter holidays, Smith and Wood finishing level).

## ARMY BEATEN.

## CHARITY SOCCER FOR M.C.L. FUNDS.

## HONG KONG'S FINE GAME.

Soccer of a very high standard was shown at Sookmumpoo on Saturday when a Hong Kong XI defeated the Army by the odd goal in a charity match arranged by Mrs. Luard in aid of M.C.L. funds.

Teams:—Hong Kong XI:—Clark (Police); Wynne (Police), Lt. Moring, R.N. (H.K.F.C.), C. F. Remedios (R.C.C.), Hudson (Police), Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic); Hayes (Kowloon), Suen Kam-shun (Athletic), Howard (H.K.F.C.), Silva (R.C.C.), Brown (R.C.C.).

The Army:—Lt. Murray (1st/Camerons); Gr. Excell (P.A.); Sgt. Cavellie (R.A.P.C.); P. Everest (2nd/K.O.S.B.), Staff Sgt. Sims (R.A.M.C.), Rifleman Murdoch (1st/Camerons); Bdr. Ward (R.A.), Rifleman Connelly 1st/Camerons; Sgt. Leach (R.A.), Sgt. McGlinchey (2nd/K.O.S.B.), Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (2nd/K.O.S.B.).

Referee: Captain A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R. A. Linesmen: Mr. Lamb, Mr. Gilmour.

Lacked Cohesion. Because they failed to play with cohesion in the first half the soldiers deserved to be a goal behind. Moreover, the Army forward line was often at fault.

After the change of ends, the Army got going and raided the Hong Kong goal seriously.

With Suen Kam-shun as their centre of danger, the local forwards broke away quite often but had loss of the ball towards the end. Then Wynne played in great form as a defender and Clark was very clever between the posts.

Suen Kam-shun's 2 Goals. Padre Alexander put the ball into the Hong Kong goal but was given offside. Suen Kam-shun gave Hong Kong the lead with a fine goal. Leach equalised in the second half with a spectacular overhead kick but Suen Kam-shun replied with a hot shot which proved to be the winning goal.

Among the large gathering were Major-General and Mrs. C. C. Luard, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. and Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow (who kicked off), the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall, Lt.-Col. L. J. Conyn and others.

The brass and pipe bands of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers were in attendance.

## LAWN BOWLS.

## PREPARING FOR NEW SEASON.

## SATURDAY'S GAMES.

The Craigengower C.C. on Saturday played a friendly game of lawn bowls with the East Point Recreation Club and won by 52 shots.

C.C.C. E.P.R.C.  
Luz Webster  
Rossetti Anderson  
Arculli Hamilton  
Rumjahn White Ford

(skip) 31 (skip) 6  
Neves Vickers  
Fritz Glover  
Aitch Baker  
Omar McTavish

(skip) 29 (skip) 9  
Middleton Samway  
Souza Williamson  
Bennett Kellar  
Basa Lee

(skip) 19 (skip) 13  
Abbas Walker  
Bur Hanlon  
Brightman McKellar  
Musket Douglas

(skip) 19 (skip) 18  
Total 96 (skip) 46  
Majority for C.C.C.—52 shots.

## K.C.C. v. K.B.G.C.

Playing three rinks a side the K.C.C. and the K.B.G.C. had their third encounter on the green of the former, the Bowling Green Club winning again, but only by one shot.

The scores at various stages of the game were:—K.B.G.C. K.C.C.  
Five heads 16 11  
Ten heads 30 25  
Fifteen heads 43 39  
Twenty-one heads 57 56

Scores:—K.B.G.C. K.C.C.  
Korn MacLachlan  
Labrum Stotham  
Goldenberg R. Duncan  
Hyde W. Macfarlane

(skip) 12 (skip) 23  
Lammert Chapman  
Davidson Hale  
Overy Hazel  
Hill Farrell

(skip) 20 (skip) 14  
Rist Dobble  
Wragge Pryce  
Gibson Holland  
Olson Harvey

(skip) 24 (skip) 14  
Total 58 (skip) 57  
Majority for K.B.G.C.—1 shot.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

## KOWLOON BATSMAN'S 1,000 RUNS.

## RECORD FOR THE CLUB.

On their ground on Saturday, Kowloon Cricket Club drew with a team captained by Mr. A. W. Hayward.

W. Brace, Kowloon's most prominent batsman, in scoring 26, has passed the 1,000 runs mark, for the season of 1926-27, incidentally setting up a new record for the K.C.C. He has an aggregate of 1,025 runs, in the making of which he batted 22 innings, his average being 46.69.

The visiting side made a brilliant recovery after a very poor start. At the fall of the fifth wicket only 18 runs were made but the score was brought to 150 for 7 wickets declared, thanks to Capt. Dobble (80) and Lt. Wright (56 not out). No others reached double figures.

The bowling of Kowloon was of a high standard at the early stages of the game, but was later badly knocked about.

Kowloon were unfortunate in not being able to pass their opponents' score, being only five runs in arrears with five wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. Good-

## CRICKET TOUR.

## Australian Team to Visit Malaya.

W. A. Oldfield, the Australian Test match wicket-keeper, has cabled the up-country gentlemen in Malaya that he is endeavouring to arrange a touring team including H. L. Collins, W. Bardsley, C. G. Macartney, A. A. Malley, S. Everett and himself.

Although this cable (says the "Singapore Free Press") gives the impression that definite arrangements have not been completed, mention was made of passages, guarantee, etc., indicating that there is every prospect of the Australians going to Malaya.

win hit out lustily for his 61 runs and was undefeated at the end. E. C. Fincher (28) was doing well when he skied a ball from Sturges which was easily taken by Lt. Wright.

Mr. Hayward's XI.  
A. W. Hayward, b. Lynn 0  
Lt. Brewerton, c. Bruce 0  
Lt. Sparks, c. E. F. Fincher, b. Goodwin 5  
Lt. Dale, b. Goodwin 3  
Capt. A. G. Dobble, c. E. F. Fincher, b. Sturges 80  
Lt. Sturges, b. Goodwin 7  
Lt. Pugh, b. E. F. Fincher 7  
Lt. R. F. Wright, not out 56  
Extras 2

Total (for 7 wickets, dec.) 100  
Lt. Shaw, S. V. Gittins, E. B. Morion did not bat.

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Lynn 15 1 33 2  
Brace 5 0 23 0  
Goodwin 16 5 46 3  
Ross 5 0 39 1  
E. F. Fincher 4 8 9 0  
Lawrence 2 0 18 0

Kowloon C.C.  
W. Brace, c. Brewerton, b. Wright 28  
E. F. Lawrence, b. Dobble 7  
E. C. Fincher, c. Dale, b. Sturges 28  
E. F. Fincher, c. Wright, b. Dobble 1  
F. Goodwin, not out 61  
Capt. F. G. Bevis, c. Brewerton, b. Dobble 3  
J. C. Lynn, not out 17  
Extras 12

Total (for 5 wickets) 155  
S. Jax, J. P. Robinson, H. T. Buxton, N. H. Ross did not bat.

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.  
Dobble 15 2 45 3  
Pugh 8 1 25 0  
Wright 7 0 21 1  
Sturges 5 0 24 1  
Dale 5 0 21 0  
Shaw 1 0 5 0

On the I.R.C. ground (Sookmumpoo) yesterday, Sindhi merchants beat Bohra merchants by 101 runs.

Scores:—Sindhi XI 154 (Utoomal 49, V. T. Mans 48 not out).  
Bohra XI 53 runs (Mans 3 for 9, Sobhraj 14 for 19, Nenumal 3 for 15).

## T. C. LOWRY IN FORM.

T. C. Lowry, who is to captain the New Zealand cricket team in England this summer, was in good form in the Plunket Shield match between Wellington and Auckland. He made 110 before being caught and bowled by Bowley, the Sussex professional.

Lowry headed the Wellington Plunket Shield averages with 64.25, and Bowley headed the Auckland averages with 51.60. Bowley was second in the bowling averages, taking 17 wickets at an average cost of 19.29 runs.

## SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKET.

South Africa has discovered at least two cricketers who are assured of inclusion in their future test elevens in Coen and Morke. The former is an opening batsman with a variety of strokes and the latter is described as the best all-rounder in the Union. A South African eleven with Nupien and Hall still have a tall:

## FINE MEETING.

## MACAO RACE CLUBS 1ST EXTRA.

## GOVERNOR'S PONY WINS.

Many improvements were noticeable when the International Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., held their first extra meeting yesterday at the Area Preta course.

Fine weather paved the way to a big local attendance, while the week-end boats from Hong Kong brought over a very large number, one turfite travelling in a cargo junk after having missed the boat.

A bit firmer, not too hard, with plenty of "play" in parts, the course was much better than at the inaugural meeting and times were slightly faster.

Mr. T. L. Wong rode four firsts, one being Veloz, owned by H.E. the Governor of Macao. Commander Loo Lim-loc (President of the Club) sent his pony, Top Siac out twice, winning the first time and dead-heating for first place the second.

Chapter of Accidents. The first race, for novice jockeys, was a chapter of accidents. One rider was thrown over the rails on being unseated. Just as the flag fell, a pony bit a nearby jockey's leg and the mount of the latter immediately turned about and dashed off in the opposite direction while the "field" went the right way.

The cash sweep was handled expeditiously but the pari-mutuel was much too crowded and understaffed. Collection on one race sometimes meant missing the next, but the Stewards are confident that with practice conditions will be even better next time. Results:—

Novices' Plate, ½ Mile.  
Mr. Recreation's Wild Fellow (Mr. R. R. Rocha) 1  
Messrs. Kiangwan & Co.'s Fir Dee (Mr. C. W. Cheng) 2  
Mr. S. Y. Liang's Jan Ja (Mr. A. E. B. Sousa) 3

Also ran: Cherry Brandy (Mr. Y. M. Loo), Kwai Yuen (Mr. A. J. Ribeiro), Whisky Soda (Mr. T. Fontes), The Gift (Mr. A. Luz), Plum Pudding (Mr. R. Burns), Lucky Star (Mr. B. Vasconcelos).  
Time 1:03.3/5.

2 lengths; 1 length.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$6.70; Places, \$4.60, \$17.20, \$28.60.  
The Rua do Campo Plate ¼ Mile.  
Mr. Loo Lim-loc's Tap Slac (Mr. Wong) 1

Also ran: Chin Lee & Co.'s Yuen Sin (Mr. da Roza) 2  
Messrs. Kan & Chun's Arela Preta (Mr. Chun) 3  
Also ran: Honey Moon (Mr. Charles), Sun Ning (Mr. Y. M. Loo), Jan Dor (Mr. Bousfield), Glenmerin (Mr. Shearman).  
Time 1:37.

¾ length; ¾ length.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$4.30; Places, \$3.10, \$3.10, \$3.10.  
The Tap Slac Stakes, 1 ¼ Miles.  
Mr. Recreation's Wild Fellow (Lt. Bulteel) 1  
Mr. Sin Kee's Dragon Boat (Mr. Reidy) 2  
Mr. Y. M. Loo's Flash Star (Mr. Wong) 3

Also ran: Chin Lee Ku (Mr. Chun), Ok Fee (Mr. da Roza).  
Time not taken.  
2 lengths; ¾ length.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$11.20; Places \$2.30, \$14.80.  
The Easter Plate, 1 Mile.  
Mr. K. H.'s Papyrus (Mr. Wong) 1  
Mr. Leun Yick's Macao Beauty (Mr. Chun) 2  
Messrs. Chin Lee and Co.'s Chui Chow Ning (Mr. Pollock) 3

Also ran: Gold Star (Mr. Reidy), Kom Tong Hall (Mr. da Roza).  
Time 2:13.3/5.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$6.40; Places, \$4.50, \$5.80.  
The U-En Plate, 7 Furlongs.  
Mr. Wong Far's Chin Shan (Mr. Sewell) 1  
Mr. Jue's Sun Ning (Mr. Wong) 2  
Messrs. Kan and Chun's Park Ku (Mr. Chun) 2  
Also ran: Whisky Soda (Mr. Pollock), Salvo (Mr. Stanton).  
Time 1:56.

Short head; dead heat.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$11.00; Places, \$4.30, \$3.30, \$4.20.  
The Kwong Chow Plate, ¼ Mile.  
Mr. Huen Chung's Chow Taze (Mr. da Roza) 1  
Mr. K. H. Chun's Loong Wa (Mr. Chun) 2  
Mr. T. U. Yih's Shanghai Friend (Mr. Charles) 3  
Also ran: U-En (Mr. Wong), Valour (Lt. Bulteel), Chui Chow Ning (Mr. Pollock), The Sandpiper (Mr. Stanton).  
Time 1:37.

Short head; 4 lengths.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$14.00; Places, \$5.20, \$5.90, \$6.20.  
The Rua Central Plate, 9 Furlongs.  
H.E. the Governor's Veloz (Mr. Wong) 1  
Mr. Sin Kee's Dragon Boat (Mr. Chun) 2  
Mr. K. H.'s Easter Day (Mr. Reidy) 3

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## GOLF MATCH.

## KOWLOON CLUB v. JUNIOR SECTION.

## YESTERDAY'S SCORES.

In a match of 16-a-side, Kowloon Golf Club easily defeated the Junior Section, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, yesterday at the Kowloon City course.

On the singles in the morning, the home club led by 10½ points, a lead which they increased (after the foursomes in the afternoon) to 14½ points. Scores (in order of matching on both sides):—

## SINGLES.

## Kowloon Golf Club.

J. D. Thomson 0  
F. E. Remedios 1½  
A. W. da Roza 1  
E. D. da Roza 1  
J. C. Thompson 1  
G. B. Slipper 1½  
H. W. Page 1  
J. O. McLagan 1  
S. Hewkin ½  
S. Gray ½  
H. Overy ½  
W. S. Hillier ½  
W. J. Carroll ½  
I. B. Trevor ½  
J. McQueen 1

Total 13½

## R.H.K.G.C., Junior Section.

J. McCubbin 1  
H. McTavish 0  
R. Campbell 0  
J. Laing 0  
F. E. Booker 0  
R. C. Wallace 0  
F. Glover 0  
J. Perry ½  
W. Pryde ½  
H. Gray ½  
G. McLeod ½  
J. Harper ½  
J. McBride ½  
A. Goldenberg ½  
T. Young ½  
A. Brooksbank 0

Total 3½

## FOURSOMES.

## Kowloon Golf Club.

J. D. Thomson and E. T. Andrews 2  
F. E. Remedios and A. W. da Roza 2  
E. D. da Roza and J. C. Thompson 2  
G. B. Slipper and H. W. Page 2  
J. O. McLagan and S. Hewkin 2½  
S. Gray and H. Overy 0  
W. S. Hillier and W. J. Carroll 0  
I. B. Trevor and P. McQueen 2

Total 10½

## R.H.K.G.C., Junior Section.

J. McCubbin and J. Liang 0  
H. McTavish and R. Campbell 0  
F. E. Booker and R. C. Wallace 0  
F. Glover and J. Perry 0  
W. Pryde and H. Gray 0  
G. McLeod and J. Harper 2½  
J. McBride and A. Goldenberg 2  
T. Young and A. Brooksbank 0

Total 6½

Grand Totals:—K.G.C. 13½ and 10½, equals 24; R.H.K.G.C. (Junior Section) 3½ and 6½, equals 9½.

## Also ran: Chick To (Mr. da Roza).

Time 2:32.  
Short head; 4 lengths.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$8.40; Places, \$4.30, \$4.00.  
The Macao Stakes (Hong Kong Kong Visitors' Cup), 1 Mile.  
Mr. K. H.'s Baccarat (Mr. Wong) 1  
Mr. T. U. Yih's Four-Nought-Three (Mr. Charles) 2  
Messrs. Chin Lee and Co.'s Hon Sin (Mr. Pollock) 3  
Also ran: Laceda II (Mr. Chun).  
Time 2:14.4/5.

2 lengths; 3 lengths.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$4.50; Places, \$3.80, \$11.10.  
The Big Sweep.

Ticket No. Price  
3,538 \$3,298.40  
1,339 942.40  
13,955 471.20  
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12,236 13,981, 2,115, 12,980, 2,511, 3,787, 12,359, 12,105, 11,194 each \$33.70.

The Chin Chun Plate, 7 Furlongs.  
Mr. Loo Lim-loc's Tap Slac (Mr. Chun) 1\*  
Mr. Y. M. Loo's Dick Lo (Mr. Pollock) 1\*  
Messrs. Kiangwan and Co.'s Jan Dor (Mr. Charles) 3  
Also ran: Little Sit Tang (Mr. Wong), Honey Moon (Mr. Reidy), Lucky Star (Mr. Reidy), Cherry Brandy (Mr. Y. M. Loo), Plum Pudding (Lt. Bulteel).  
Time 1:56.2/5.

Head heat, many lengths.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$8.50; \$3.00; Places, \$5.60, \$3.50, \$3.20.  
Consolation Race, 5 Furlongs.  
Mr. K. H.'s Loong Wa (Mr. Y. M. Loo) 1  
Mr. Leun Yick's Chick To (Mr. Charles) 2  
Mr. Jue's Sun Ning (Mr. Shearman) 3  
Also ran: The Gift (Mr. Bousfield), Valour (Mr. Bousfield).  
Time 1:19.2/5.

2 lengths; 6 lengths.  
Pari-Mutuel: Winner \$5.50; Places, \$4.20, \$4.80.

## LEAGUE HONOURS.

## HOME FOOTBALL SEASON ENDING.

## CLUBS TO GO DOWN.

As the result of Saturday's football matches at Home, the following have now been decided:

Division I: Newcastle lead Huddersfield (holders in three successive seasons) by 4 points, with 2 more matches to go; West Bromwich Albion and Leeds United to be relegated to division II.

Division II: Middlesbrough for promotion, with either Portsmouth, Manchester City, Notts Forest, Chelsea or even Preston North End; Bradford City for relegation, with either Clapton Orient or Darlington, or—a remote possibility, Wolverhampton.

Division III (South): Bristol City lead Plymouth by 4 points for promotion each with 4 more matches to play.

Division III (North): Stoke won championship and promotion to division II.

Scottish League: Rangers have won the championship.

London, April 23.  
Principal league football matches played to-day (home teams given first) resulted:—

Division I.  
Birmingham 3, Liverpool 0.  
Blackburn 0, Bolton 3.  
Everton 2, Aston Villa 2.  
Huddersfield 0, Manchester United 0.

Wednesday, 2, Burnley 1.  
Sunderland 1, Derby 2.  
Tottenham 4, Leeds 1.  
West Bromwich 1, Sheffield 0.  
West Ham 1, Newcastle 1.

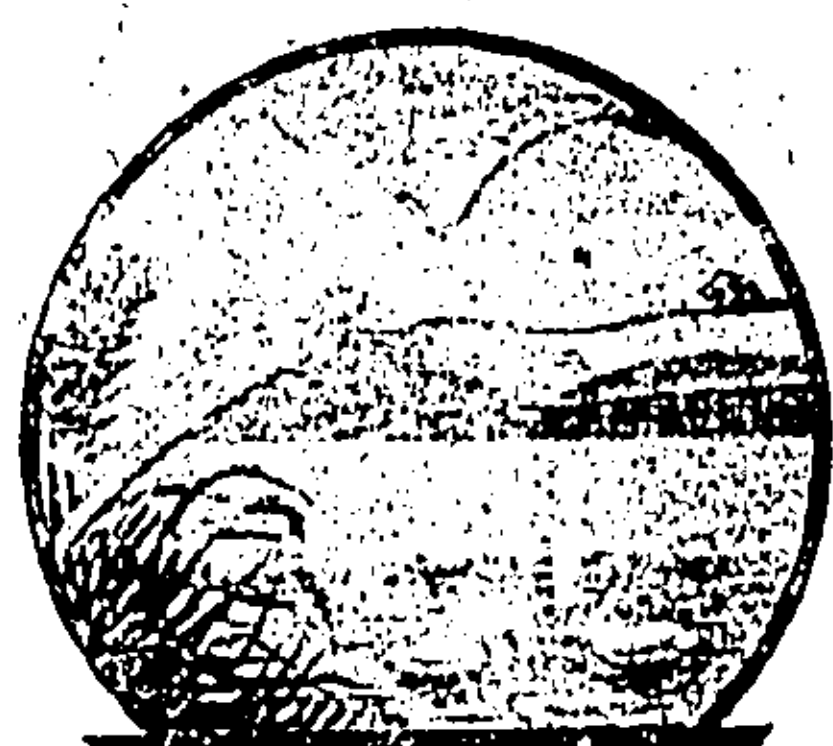
Division II.  
Barnsley 3, Chelsea 0.  
Blackpool 2, Middlesbrough 2.  
Darlington 3, South Shields 2.  
Fulham 3, Notts County 0.  
Grimsby 2, Clapton Orient 2.  
Manchester City 1, Preston N.E. 0.  
Notts Forest 3, Bradford City 0.  
Oldham 2, Wolverhampton 0.  
Portsmouth 2, Hull 0.

Reading 2, West Vale 0.  
Swansea 2, Southampton 2.

Division III (South).  
Aberdare 3, Brentford 1.  
Bournemouth 0, Norwich 1.  
Bristol City 6, Luton 0.  
Chorlton 1, Southend 0.  
Coventry 0, Exeter 0.  
Crystal Palace 5, Swindon 0.  
Gillingham 2, Millwall 1.  
Plymouth 2, Brighton 0.  
Queen's Park Rangers 5, Merthyr 1.

Division III (North).  
Ashington 1, Hartlepool 3.  
Bradford 5,





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# ODDS AND ENDS

### What is a "Life" Sentence?

Commenting on Mr. Justice Branson's sentence on E. W. Smith for his attack on Constable Dainty, the "Law Journal" says:—Of course, a life sentence does not mean what it says, though it is not the practice to tell the prisoner at once what it does mean. When he commences the sentence he is warned not to entertain any expectation of release till he has completed twenty years, and formerly this period was actually allowed to pass before the sentence came under review. Under the more humane system now prevailing, sentences are considered every five years, and in practice prisoners serving life sentences are released after twelve to fifteen years. Even thus mitigated, of course, the sentence is, in words used at Smith's trial, a terrible sentence, and can only be justified in very exceptional cases. Formerly there was a custom at the Old Bailey for two or three judges to sit together, so that sentences arrived at by them in concert might form a standard at Assizes. However reprehensible was Smith's conduct, and however great the courage displayed by the police-constable, Dainty, who tried to arrest him, the sentence does not seem to have been adjusted to the actual circumstances of the case.

### Adventure.

Once I drove a quiet, shy young woman down to a very famous house for a New Year party. As I had no chauffeur I ran the car straight into the stable-yard. It was freezing hard, and I wanted to look at the magneto, so I pointed to the back door. "You can get through that way and you'll find some footmen in the hall." The young, shy person left me and promptly lost herself in a maze of servants' premises. Somebody mistook her for a maid, and directed her firmly to the housekeeper's room. By the time she found it she was too frightened to do anything but fly. Finally, she ran round a corner, plump into the arms of a very muddy young man, with the blood of pheasants on his hands, who was sneaking up the back stairs to avoid the crowd eating muffins in the hall. "Hallo, somebody's got a pretty maid," he thought, and took charge of the situation. "Lost your way, eh? You come with me." He shepherded her on to a front landing and handed her over to a housemaid. Two hours later, when the heir of the house, no longer muddy, came down to dinner, he found his pretty lady's maid by the drawingroom fire. He was so surprised that he fell in love with her at once—or perhaps he had done so already on the back stairs. Within a month they were engaged. After all, we are, every one of us, Cinderellas, and each New Year is a potential fairy godmother.—Rosita Forbes in the "Royal Magazine."

### A Wealth of Flowers.

When a visitor from the North comes to the Riviera, he is at once struck by the olive groves and the vineyards, by the oranges and lemons, by the palm-trees and figs, by the so-called century plants, which flower at distant intervals, and by the quaint prickly pears, which have turned their leaves into spines. But his second impression, even in midwinter, must be the wealth of flowers. The great botanist, Strasburger, has said that one would need to search the whole of Ireland or of Sweden to get as many flowering plants as there are in 15 square miles around Mentone. There are over a thousand different flowering plants native to the coastland, the valleys, and the hills. The reason for this exuberance must be found in the genial climate, the favourable soil, and the great variety of habitat afforded by the gorges and valleys. The native flora is added to by numerous foreigners, which thrive well in the open air. This is illustrated in what one must call splendour by the famous garden which the late Sir Thomas Hanbury established at La Mortola; and in a commonplace way it is illustrated by the fact that the Agaves and other cactuses, the eucalyptuses or gumtrees, all the palms save one, and many others besides are aliens that have become very much at home. But why should there be so

many flowers in midwinter? The main part of the answer is simply that whereas most of the Northern plants rest in winter, most of the Mediterranean plants rest in summer, when the coasts that keep the sun become dry and parched lands. At that season the secret of survival for most plants is to lie low or fall into summer-sleep.—Professor J. Arthur Thomson in "John o' London's Weekly."

### A Plea for the Fairies.

Every practical man believes in the Fairies. There are, of course, hopelessly unpractical and unreasonable individuals who only believe in such shadowy things as Treasures, notes, ledgers, bricks, mortar, and d'iddends. These folk are the dreamers of the world; and perhaps in some ways the world is the better for them, and for the touch of romance they bring into real life. At any time of the year, however, the thoughtful man, woman, or child turns from these lovers of the shadowy and the unreal, from the daily newspapers in which their fantastic deeds and aspirations are solemnly recorded, and from the banks, shipbuilding yards, camps, barracks, seven-and-sixpenny novels, Houses of Parliament, Burke's Peerage, factories, steam engines, and other phantoms in which they are so absurdly interested, and hails the Fairies with a cry of joy. The Fairies who were young when the world was young, and are young to-day when the world is old! The Fairies who were able to "put a girdle round the earth," long before the electric cable was thought of! The kindly sylphs and the malignant gnomes of whom Mr. Pope wrote so charmingly in "The Rape of the Lock" is there anybody in Parliament who is ever likely to do as much good to the world as Mr. Addison did when he sat down and wrote that little story called "The Vision of Mirza," at the whispered bidding of one of the Fairies, or as Anna Sewall did when she wrote her novel, "Black Beauty," at the bidding of an angel? These divine visitants have been hovering around men and women from the beginning, and the debt we owe them is something inconceivable.—H. M. Walbrook—"A Playgoer's Wanderings" (Leonard Parsons).

### Force of Habit.

Washing, always a bore, practised with regularity, is obviously a habit, which only becomes an instinct in moments of acute need. I mean that we should not by nature wash unless we were dirty, whereas now we do so because we are clean. By washing I mean, of course, the chilly, busy, conscientious work, standing on a mat before a washstand. To flap a lazy fin in a hot bath, an ecstasy with no ulterior motive—that is a very different matter. Washing is, of course, a strictly local habit, subject to infinite variation by climate, religion, or nationality. I remember hearing how a famous Foreign General, attending a meeting of the Supreme War Council on being invited to have a bath, gazed at his interlocutor as at one demented, and explained that he never did so either in or out of doors, adding almost apologetically, "I jette parfois de l'eau sur les mains" ("Now and again I sprinkle a little water on my hands.") Bug-on the whole I think it is in the sphere of enjoyment that we are in danger of becoming most slavishly the subjects of habit. Work is determined as a rule by necessity rather than choice, so that the working habit, if we have been lucky enough to contract it, should be preserved at all costs, but in the pursuit of pleasure certain conventions have become established, determining what is and what is not really amusing, and these are too rarely challenged. The London "season" is a good case in point. That all the people who could most easily afford to do otherwise, should spend the three loveliest months of the year, May, June, and July, moved up in London, is an astonishing tribute to the force of habit. To sell the bluest carpet in the woods, the early beech leaves, the first burst of blossom for an orgy of jostling and chattering in over-crowded rooms, is a bargain one cannot imagine free men and women making when all the winter months are theirs to fill up to the brim with gregarious amenities.—Violet Bonham Carter in Good Housekeeping.

### Earliest Swiss Book.

Over £9,300 was realised by a three-days' sale of books and manuscripts at Sotheby's. One of the first books printed in Switzerland, the "Postilla super Evangelia," by N. de Lyra, issued at Bale in 1468, of which there is no copy yet in America, brought £200 (Thorpe). The value of an Amsterdam, 1655, issue of the "Menasseh Ben, Israel" was enhanced by the inclusion of the four etchings which Rembrandt designed for the work, although, on account of his delineation of the Almighty in the last of them, they were not used. Messrs. Colnaghi gave £150 for this work; a Strassburg, 1471 (circa), "Epistola" of St. Augustine bringing £100, and another early Strassburg book, the "Pharatra Doctorum et Philosophorum," £105. Among the illuminated manuscripts was a French, fifteenth century, Book of Hours, Touraine use, on ninety-six vellum leaves with eleven miniatures, one of the larger ones depicting Job among his friends. This realised £265 (Permain). At Christie's an early Flemish fifteenth-century ivory diptych, carved with subjects from the Life of Christ, brought 210gs, and a Graeco-Roman ivory statuette of Dionysos, 95gs.

### Hazards of Marriage.

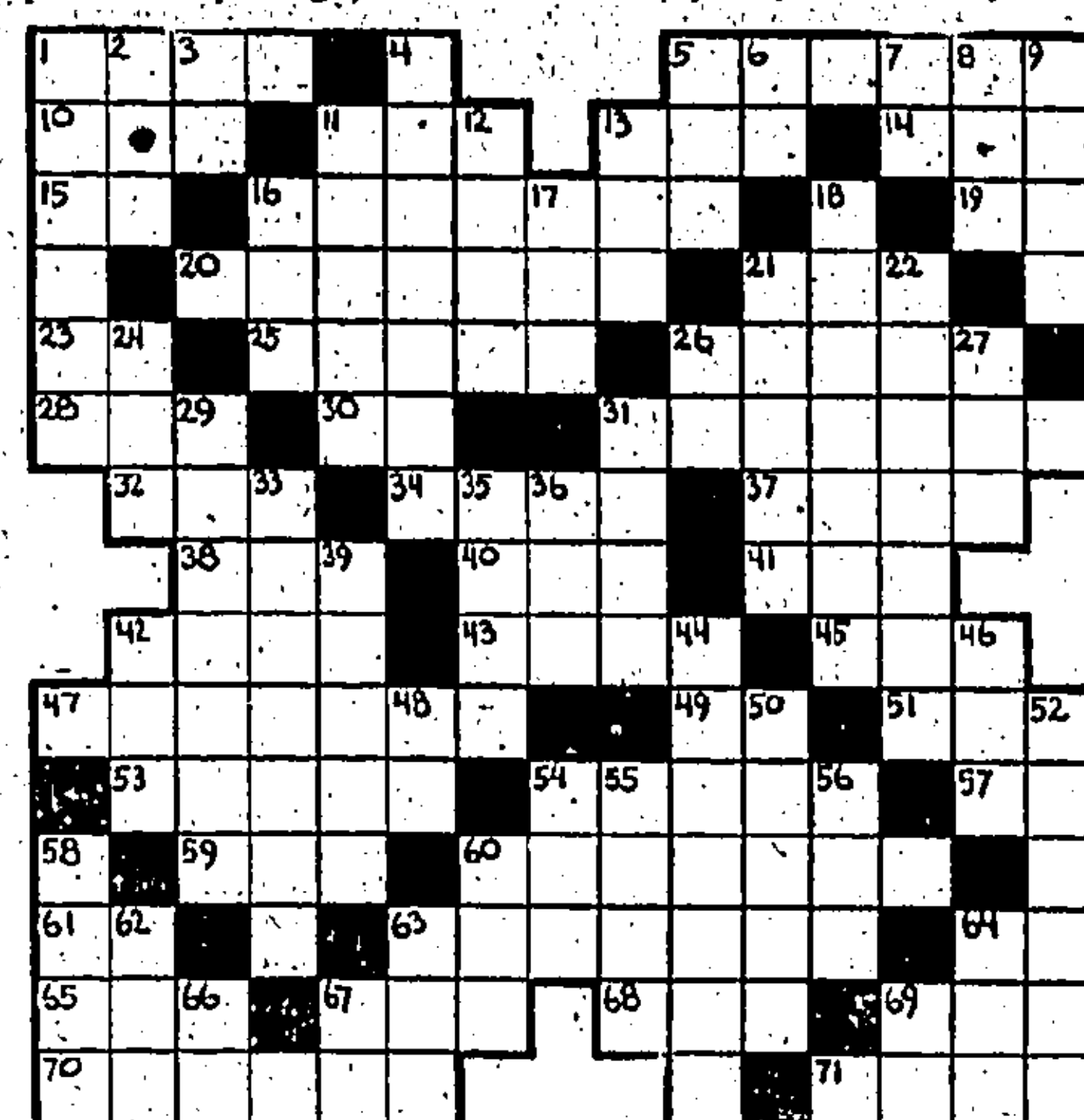
"It is still the law that a woman can ruin her husband by libel, fraud, or negligence committed by her while they are living together," said Mr. Cecil Havers in a lecture in the Middle Temple Hall at a meeting of the Solicitors' Managing Clerks' Association. Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., was to have delivered the lecture, but he was detained on legal business in Paris. "If a husband is fortunate enough to survive those acts," Mr. Havers continued, "he may in some circumstances still be called upon to pay a wife's debts upon contracts during the time they lived together." They would, therefore, see that to-day marriage had some legal hazards over a husband, who might find himself in a nasty bunker when he thought he was in the fairway. Mr. Justice Sankey, who presided, said it appeared to him that the authority of a wife to bind her husband by her contracts was first and last a branch of the law of principal and agent, although there might be some rules applying to that branch which did not apply to other branches of the law of principal and agent, and the first thing that they must remember was that the mere fact of marriage implied no such authority. That was decided in the time of Henry VIII., and no doubt properly decided if the reign of a king who had six wives. (Laughter).

### Vegetable Wool.

The fast increasing needs of the world for woollen goods should direct the attention of chemists and engineers to the production of artificial wool. A new industry has been created, which is bound to repeat the sensational triumphs of artificial silk. Pine needles are composed of fibres held together by a resinous substance. Heat, moisture, and chemicals separate the fibres from the resin. The result is a product closely resembling natural wool. It can be worked in the same manner, and is curled, woven, and made into felt. Carpets and other goods have been made which have found favour with the public. The Province of Quebec offers unique advantages for the development of this new industry on a large scale. The supply of its raw materials is well-nigh inexhaustible. A certain amount of waste product is inevitable with the new process. This waste is utilised to make briquettes, which have proved an excellent fuel. From the recovered resin, a high-grade lighting and heating gas is obtained. As Quebec must import every ton of coal required for domestic purposes, power and gas, the briquettes would find a ready sale as well as the gas. Quebec is indeed the ideal place for this new industry. Will British enterprise seize upon this opportunity?

## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

### HORIZONTAL

- 1—Outer coat of wheat
- 2—Stand
- 10—Pronoun
- 11—A river, N. Wales
- 12—Away (Scott.)
- 14—Enemy
- 15—Prefix. Back
- 16—A salient point
- 18—Personal pronoun
- 20—A legislative bill
- 21—To wash up, as waves
- 23—Each (abbr.)
- 25—To draw fluid from
- 26—Fundamental
- 28—Mentally deranged (slang)
- 30—"According to nature" (Latin-abbrev.)
- 31—More like a bush
- 32—Muscle twitching
- 34—Three things associated together
- 37—A slight color
- 38—A large serpent
- 40—Girl's name
- 41—Habitual drunkard
- 42—To pick out
- 43—Iceberg
- 47—A pirum
- 49—Lieutenant (abbr.)
- 51—A kind of saw

### HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 53—Insanity
- 54—Goddess of flowers
- 57—Toward
- 59—A color
- 60—Style of cooking
- 61—Personal pronoun
- 63—A bitter tonic herb
- 64—Weight (abbr.)
- 65—Possessive pronoun
- 67—Fiery
- 68—Man's name (short)
- 69—An insect
- 70—Unfledged
- 71—To gaze with effort

### VERTICAL

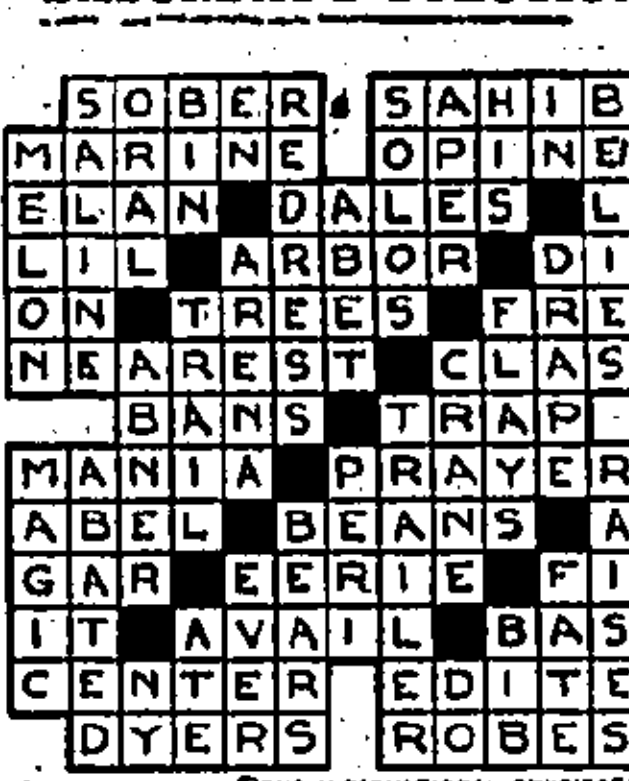
- 1—An island, Malay Archipelago
- 2—To regret
- 3—Country of Asia (abbr.)
- 4—A petty farmer (Europe)
- 5—Fear
- 6—Musical note
- 7—Propaganda
- 8—Saw
- 9—Profound
- 11—Darlings
- 12—A case for small articles (Fr.)
- 13—A kind of saw
- 14—To exist

### VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18—To form; mold
- 21—Holds out
- 22—Artist
- 24—Near the stern
- 25—A measure of capacity (abbr.)
- 27—To allow
- 29—Pertaining to a lower leg bone
- 31—Wild hog
- 33—A military title
- 35—Dress
- 36—Wrath
- 38—Chilly
- 42—Prefix. Together
- 44—Fellated
- 46—Sense
- 48—Sodium (chem. sym.)
- 50—Attempted
- 52—To walk feebly
- 54—Nervous
- 55—A legal claim on property
- 56—An insect
- 58—Clever; stylish
- 60—A cottage
- 62—A Greek letter
- 63—To bend
- 64—Very small
- 66—South latitude (abbr.)
- 67—Interaction
- 71—To exist

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

### SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.



### London Discovery.

During excavations at the West India and Millwall Docks, E., for extensions and improvements by the Port of London Authority a subterranean system of wood piping of unknown age has been discovered, though it has not yet been possible to ascertain whether it was used for drainage or water supply. Each section of the piping is a complete tree trunk, wonderfully fashioned for spigot and socket fitting. The piping system was uncovered beneath the old foreshore level of the Thames at least 20ft. below the present quay walls.

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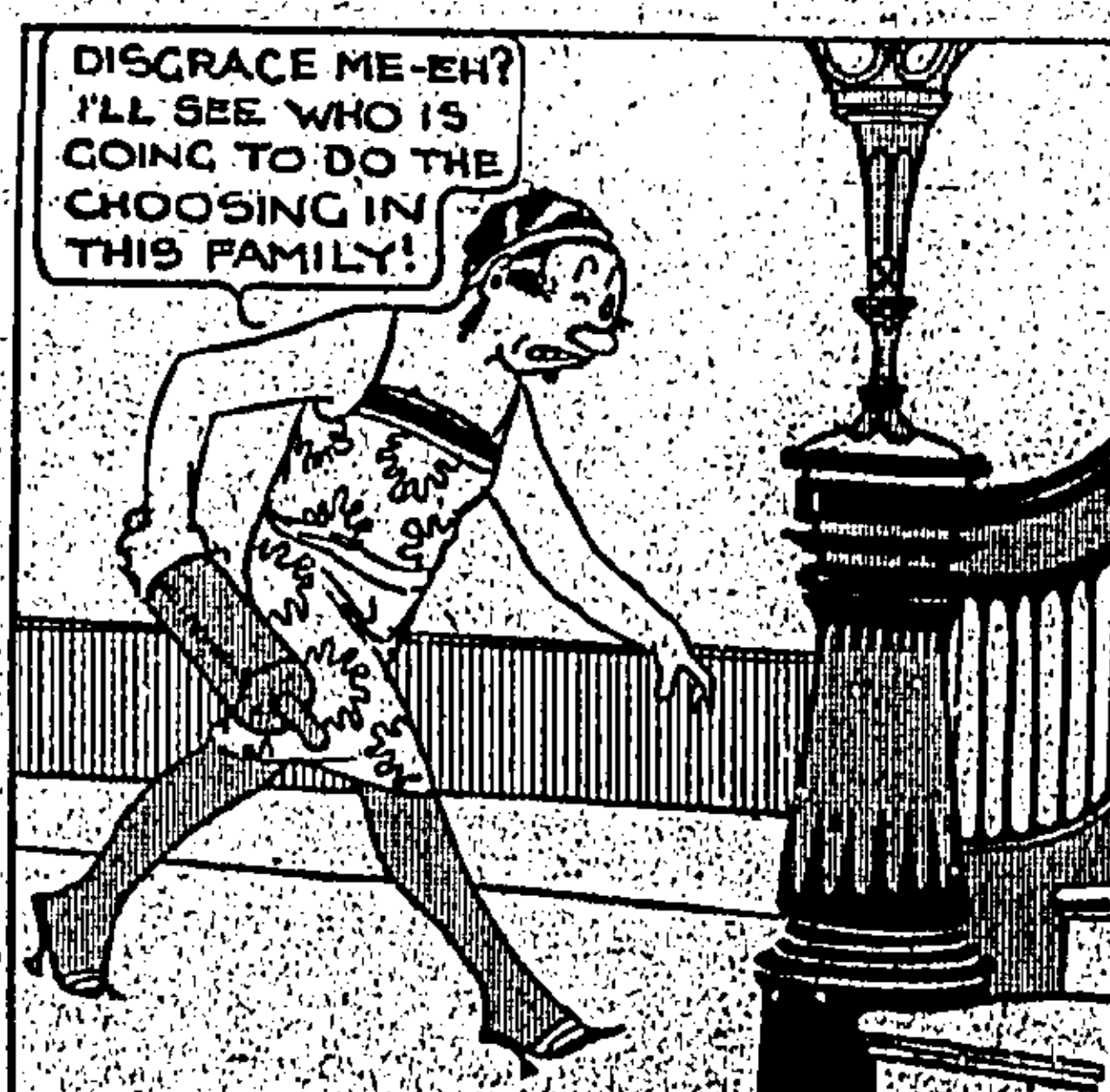
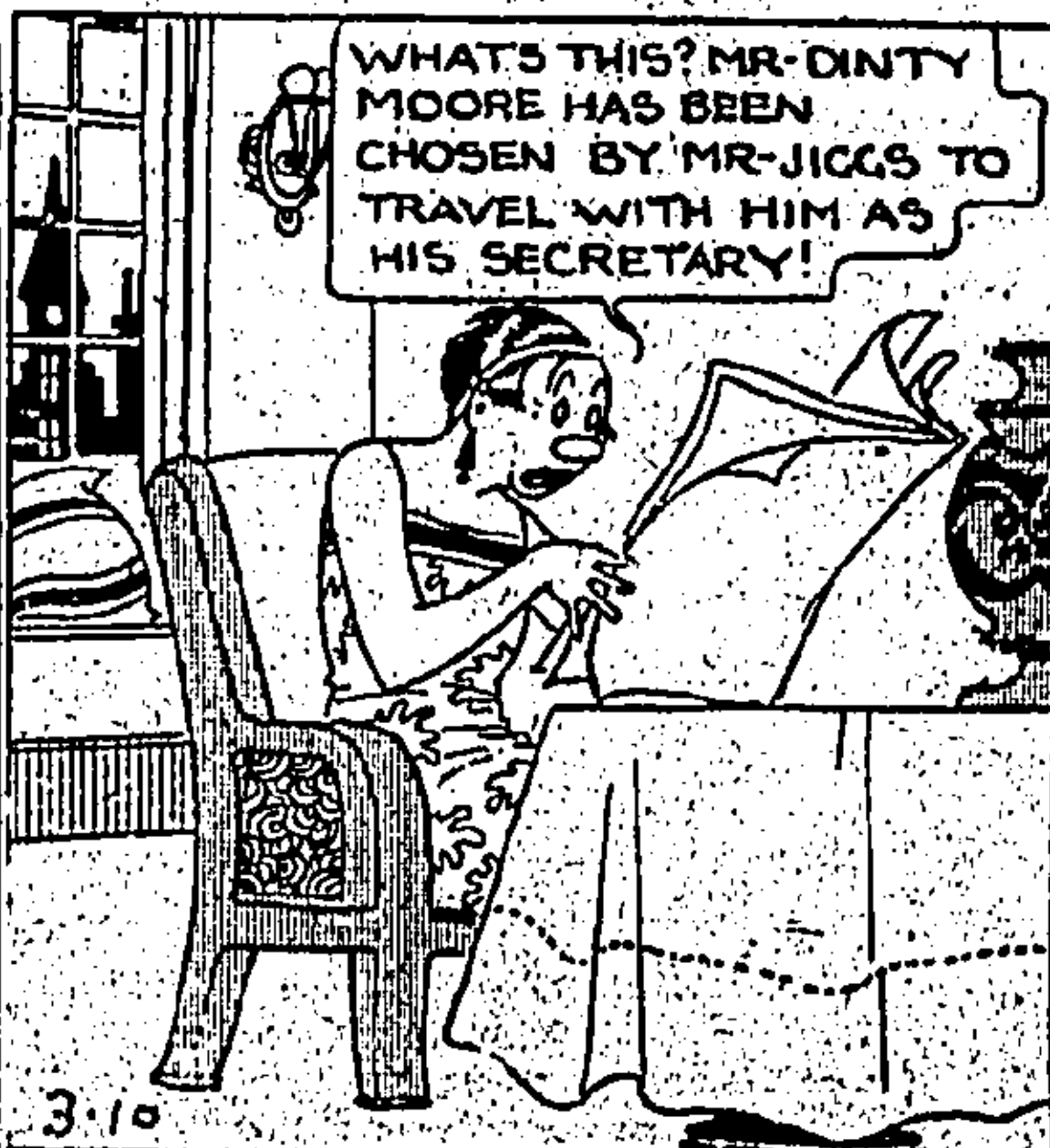
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## A "PUT UP JOB."

A MAN AND "A SORT OF KNIFE."

The victim of a "put up job," a Chinese was on Saturday discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindell on a charge of possession of a dagger. He was arrested by a District Watchman in High Street, West Point, on April 11.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, for the defence pleaded "guilty" but said accused had no felonious intent. He added that the weapon found in the accused's possession could not accurately be described as a dagger. He admitted that he did not know of any definite description of a dagger, but he thought that it was generally accepted that a dagger had some sort of a protection between the handle and the blade. The weapon produced was just a sort of knife. However, he had no option but to admit possession of a weapon of sort, but he would like to point out that since his arrest accused had given the Police every assistance in the investigation of the case and explained fully how he had come to be in possession of the knife. The Police, Mr. d'Almada understood, was not pressing the case, but if his Worship felt that he must impose some penalty, he would ask his Worship to deal with the accused leniently in view of the fact that accused had assisted the Police. Also, Mr. d'Almada asked the Magistrate to take into consideration the two weeks that the accused had been detained (he could not find bail) during the investigation of the case.

Mr. King told the Magistrate that the Police had gone carefully into the case and were satisfied that accused had no felonious intent. Accused struck him (Mr. King) as a man of dull intellect who had been made a fool of by certain parties to further their own ends. The weapon in question was a butchers' knife used for cutting meat. Accused had taken possession of it quite innocently, and the Police would be satisfied if his Worship would discharge accused with a caution in future not to allow himself to be made a fool of.

Mr. Lindell: The inference of this case is—  
Mr. King: It is a put up job. Magistrate (to accused): It seems you are a fool rather than a knave. Why should you be willing to carry a deadly weapon like that for another person?

Mr. d'Almada: I dislike to interrupt, but accused had already given the Police full explanation before Mr. King and myself.

Mr. Lindell: I am merely rubbing it into him.

To accused sternly: Let other people carry their own deadly weapons and you will never find yourself in such trouble. Let this be a lesson to you. You can go now. Answering the Magistrate, Mr.

## AT THE QUEEN'S.

"THE AMERICAN VENUS" TO-DAY.

Fay Lanphier, who was adjudged the most beautiful girl in America at the annual Atlantic City beauty pageant, plays the title role, and in addition, a number of the other entrants have minor roles in the film. However, the chief acting burden is carried by Esther Ralston, Lawrence Gray and Ford Sterling, assisted by such experienced troupers as Kenneth MacKenna, Edna May Oliver, and William B. Mack. Louise Brooks, the beautiful dancer from the Ziegfeld Follies, and W. T. Benda, the internationally known artist, are also prominent in the picture.

The story, written directly for the screen by Townsend Martin, concerns itself with a beauty contest inaugurated by a number of famous artists to find the modern American Venus. Because her father, a manufacturer of beauty creams and lotions, is on the verge of bankruptcy, Esther Ralston sets out to win first prize so as to stimulate a demand for his products.

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The Bands Concert.

The lack of open-air band concerts which has been subject of complaint in past summers has been filled by the very excellent concerts which the presence in the Colony of an augmented garrison due to the diversion of units of the Shanghai Defence Corps has enabled the Hong Kong Amusements to provide. The large attendance at these concerts is proof of the recognition among local music lovers of the refining and elevating influence of good music—and the high standard set by the Regimental bands now in Hong Kong has been maintained throughout each concert.

The programme of English songs and English operas which the combined bands of the 1st, Cameronians and 2nd/K.O.S.B.'s provided yesterday evening was enthusiastically received by a large audience. The grand military tattoo was a fitting finale to a concert which had held the audience enthralled from the opening number.

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## COMING FILMS.

BIG CAST FOR "MARE NOSTRUM."

With the exception of Miss Terry, Mr. Moore and Hughie Mack all the members of the "Mare Nostrum" cast were chosen from the best of the European actors and actresses, and almost every country is represented.

Alice Terry is the only one born in America. Her birthplace was Vincennes, Indiana. She is of Irish descent, but it dates back a number of generations.

Rex Ingram is European born. He hails from the city of Dublin, Ireland, where his father and brother still reside.

Antonio Moreno is a native of Spain. He was born near Madrid.

Hughie Mack is Irish-American. His parents went to the United States from Cork, Ireland, a few months after Hughie was born.

John George, the little hunchback who has appeared in a number of Mr. Ingram's productions in Hollywood, has been in the United States for a number of years but is a native of Assyria.

Uni Apollon, who enacts the parts of the Triton in the famous Blasco Ibanez story, was born near Marseilles, France.

Mike Kithnou, who plays Dona Cinto, is a Hindu, having been born in the Island of Maurice.

Mme. Paquerette, who has the role of Doctor Fedelmann, was born in Germany.

Frederick Mariotti, Toni, the mate of the "Mare Nostrum," is an Italian.

Maria Varani, the mother of Ulysses Ferragus, was born in India.

Mickey Brantford, who enacts the part of Young Esteban, is English. He was born in London.

Kada-Abd-el-Kader is an Arab. His birthplace was Bou-Saada in Algeria. Kada plays Ulysses Ferragus as a boy in the prologue of "Mare Nostrum."

Alex Nova, the father of Ulysses, was born in Hergovitz, Roumania.

Rosita Ramirez is a Cuban. She was born in Havana. Miss Ramirez enacts the part of Pepita.

Fernand Mailly, who enacts the role of Count Kaledine, is a Frenchman.

"Shorty" Ben Mairech is a native of Tunis.

Besides the nationalities represented in the cast, there are natives from every other country in minor parts and on production staff. Among these are two Scandinavians, three Austrians, one Norwegian, one Belgian, one Pole and two Greeks.

## WORLD THEATRE.

"COMING THROUGH" TO-DAY.

"Coming Through" is Thomas Meighan's latest production for Paramount. The story is a picture version of "Red Rack," a mining novel by Jack Betha.

Lila Lee, in her first screen role in more than a year, is featured at the head of a strong supporting cast. Wallace Beery gives one of his greatest characterizations as a roughneck mine foreman.

"Coming Through" has to do with a clerk who has big ideas and the ability to carry them out. We first see Tom keeping books in Pittsburgh. A whirlwind courtship and elopement with the president's daughter follows. The father calls him a fortune-hunter. Tom doesn't take the trouble to deny it and the girl turns against him.

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## SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR APRIL, 1927.

| (Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich). |         |        |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------|--|
| Date                                                      | Sunrise | Sunset |  |
| April                                                     | a.m.    | p.m.   |  |
| " 24                                                      | 5.57    | 6.47   |  |
| " 25                                                      | 5.56    | 6.47   |  |
| " 26                                                      | 5.55    | 6.47   |  |
| " 27                                                      | 5.55    | 6.48   |  |
| " 28                                                      | 5.54    | 6.48   |  |
| " 29                                                      | 5.53    | 6.48   |  |
| " 30                                                      | 5.52    | 6.49   |  |

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### INWARD MAILS.

| From                                                                         | MONDAY, APRIL | Per              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Shanghai                                                                     | 25            | Szechuen.        |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai                                           | 26            | Shinyo Maru.     |
| Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia                                         | 26            | Amazona.         |
| Amoy                                                                         | 26            | Talma.           |
| Saigon                                                                       | 26            | Athos II.        |
| Japan                                                                        | 26            | Arafura.         |
| Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai                                             | 28            | Empress of Asia. |
| Europe via Suez (letters & papers London 31st March, and parcels 24th March) | 28            | Morea.           |
| Japan & Shanghai                                                             | 29            | Malwa.           |
| Straits                                                                      | 1             | Suwa Maru.       |

### OUTWARD MAILS.

| For                                                                                                                                                                                            | MONDAY, APRIL | Per                  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, "Canada," U.S.A., C. & S. America & "Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco 19th May & Europe via Siberia. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. | 25            |                      |
| Sam Shui & Wuchow                                                                                                                                                                              | 4.30 p.m.     | Tai Ming.            |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5 p.m.        | President Adams.     |
| Haiphong                                                                                                                                                                                       | 5 p.m.        | Song Bo.             |
| Hoihow                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5 p.m.        | Fook Hong.           |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foomosa                                                                                                                                                                         | 8.30 a.m.     | Menado Maru.         |
| Straits                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10.30 a.m.    | Derwent.             |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foomosa                                                                                                                                                                         | Noon.         | Hai Hong.            |
| Saigon, Mauritius & South Africa                                                                                                                                                               | 12.30 a.m.    | Tinhow.              |
| Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 26th May. Registration 12.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m. Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia                                                                  | 2.30 p.m.     | Athos II.            |
| Manila                                                                                                                                                                                         | 4.30 p.m.     | President Jefferson. |
| Swatow                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5 p.m.        | Leesang.             |
| Amoy                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5 p.m.        | Sochow.              |
| Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and "Europe via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 20th May. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (27th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.                               | 2.30 p.m.     | Tyndareus.           |
| Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong                                                                                                                                                                      | 8.30 a.m.     | Taiwa Maru.          |
| Straits                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10 a.m.       | Van Heutsz.          |
| Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 10 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.                                                                                                                                            | 10.30 a.m.    | Talma.               |
| Japan                                                                                                                                                                                          | 1.30 p.m.     | Anyo Maru.           |
| Sandakan                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1.30 p.m.     | Hinsang.             |
| Swatow, Amoy & Foomosa                                                                                                                                                                         | 1 p.m.        | Hai Ning.            |
| Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 14th May. Parcels Noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. Arafura.                                  |               |                      |

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

### AFTER EIGHT YEARS.

WIDOW RECEIVES HUSBAND'S COMMISSION.  
C.P.S. COMMISSION DISPUTE.

There was a final settlement in the Supreme Court this morning to a protracted dispute, which originated over eight years ago concerning the \$1,465.50 commission of a former Chinese passenger agent (Leung Shiu-kong) of the Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd.

It was stated that this commission (for passengers embarked on the s.s. "Monteagle" in November, 1918) had been paid by the Steamships Ltd. to Lai Chee-ping, the successor to the deceased Leung Shiu-kong, for payment to the widow.

The widow claimed that she had never received this, and the money having been paid into court by the C.P.S., the action concerned the right to the money in question.

At the last hearing, Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, for the widow, made allegations against Lai Chee-ping concerning the alleged forgery of the widow's name to certain documents and endorsements on cheques and, Lai Chee-ping not being present, His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) adjourned the case for a peremptory order first to be made.

Mr. Fitzroy indicated this morning that this course had been followed and that notices had been served on Lai Chee-ping and his solicitors. Lai Chee-ping had again failed to appear.

His Lordship accordingly made an order for the money to be paid out of court to the widow.

### FOR UNCLE'S FRIEND

CHINESE YOUTH'S LOTTERY TICKETS.

A Chinese youth was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the Police Court with the possession of six Macao sample lottery tickets. He said his uncle in Macao handed them to him to deliver to a friend living in Hillier Street. A Chinese constable said he arrested accused in Wo Fung Street on information received from a man. Asked if he could explain how the other man knew he had the tickets accused said he went to the house in Hillier Street and found the place vacant. He enquired from the neighbour and was informed his uncle's friend had moved to Wo Fung Street. Not knowing it was an offence to possess lottery tickets, he had mentioned the reason for his all. He suggested it was the neighbour who had informed the police. Accused was ordered to receive six strokes with a rattan.

### A LOCAL APPEAL.

OBSERVANCE OF EMPIRE DAY.

The "China Mail" has received an appeal from the Headquarters of the Empire Day Movement Committee in London drawing attention to the benefits derived from the far-reaching campaign which is conducted in connection with Empire development and centring around Empire Day.

The need for Imperial unity is stressed and, in reports of observations in outposts of the Empire last year, it is notable that Hong Kong's name does not figure.

The appeal has been despatched well before Empire Day (May 24) in order that national organisations in all parts of the Empire may co-operate in celebration which may bind them still closer in unity.

The wish is expressed that Hong Kong may take its part with other outposts in the observance and suitable celebration of Empire Day.

### A FINGER CUT OFF

While at work feeding the pug-mill at the Brick Works in Deep Water Bay yesterday, a Chinese had a finger cut off in the machinery. He was taken to the Tung Wah Hospital.

### MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," arrived at Nagasaki on April 24, at 4.30 p.m.; left that port this morning at 9 o'clock, and is due at Kobe to-morrow at 9 a.m.

### SEDITIONS.

A Student's Anti-Foreign Posters.

### BOUGHT "TO AMUSE."

Ho Hou-kiu, the Hakka student from Canton who was arrested on Friday last for the possession of seditious posters was this morning fined \$250 or six weeks' jail by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

After examining the drawings the Magistrate remarked that they seemed to be rather amusing. To accused: Do you admit that these anti-Foreign posters were all found in your possession?

Yes. Why did you bring them here? I bought them on board the "Fatshan" from a news boy to amuse myself on the voyage. I did not know it was an offence to bring them here.

Why are you here at all?—I am on my way back to my home in Swatow. There is no direct boat from Canton.

Detective Inspector Reynolds said the posters were found between clothing in the accused's grip. Accused was an educated man—a student of the Law College at Canton and ought to have known better.

### FOREIGN COMRADES.

Hankow, April 11.  
Comrades Tom Mann, Earl Browder and Doriot, the British, American and French visiting Communists, are here. Upon their arrival they were given rooms in the French Concession here. It is noteworthy that they have not joined their labouring comrades in the neighbouring native city but prefer instead the best hotel the French Concession has to offer them, including a sufficiency of motor cars to prevent the necessity for making them walk a step.

### MOTOR CYCLIST INJURED.

A motor accident occurred in Coronation Road near the Oriental Tobacco Co., yesterday when a motor cycle ridden by Mr. W. Borrowman of W. S. Bailey and Co., crashed into the side of a motor bus in attempting to pass it. The cycle was almost alongside the bus when it unexpectedly turned to the centre of the road. The cycle, ran head-on into the bus and Mr. Borrowman received some painful cuts in the face. He received treatment at Kowloon Hospital.

### MISCALCULATED.

Charged before Major Willson with having returned from banishment after being sent away for 10 years, a Chinese this morning pleaded miscalculation. Sub-Inspector Vincent said accused was away for 8½ years so that the banishment order had 18 months more to run. Sentence of six months' jail was passed.

The Hong Kong Storm Signal Code (local), as revised on March 1 this year, has been issued by the Royal Observatory.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
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General Manager.  
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.  
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 20th MAY, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.  
Hong Kong, April 25th, 1927.

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